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RUSSIA REPLIES TO NOTES

Seeking Abandonment Of Western Germany Plans? CONTENTS NOT YET KNOWN

The British Foreign Office announced today that Russia had replied to the British note calling for lifting of the Soviet blockade of Berlin.

The spokesman said no immediate outline of the contents could be given as it was in Russian and is being translated.
George Zarubin, Russia's Ambassador to Britain, called at the Foreign Office during the morning and handed the reply to Minister of State Hector McNeil.

Most authoritative sources here expected the Russians to counter the West's demand with a proposal for reopening of the four-power talks on all German problems and for abandoning of plans for Western Germany.

The West will not bargain on anything until the blockade is lifted.

East-West relations in Germany had sunk so low that Western diplomats agreed the only chance of improving them rested in another try at high level. These diplomats kept silent about what was being planned officially.

Two months ago they were ridiculing the suggestion of another four-power meeting of any kind. Now they are only sceptical. Today they no longer discount the possibility of another Council of Foreign Ministers meeting.

In advance of the Soviet reply to the West's stern protests on the Berlin blockade, none will predict the future. But nearly every informed quarter expects a Russian bid for another four-power meeting. And most diplomats here would place short odds at this moment on a possibility that the Council may meet again on Germany late in summer or early in autumn.

Russian Rejection Of Notes Hinted

In Berlin Soviet Military Administration's (SMA) German newspaper hinted that Moscow will reject the Western Allies' note demanding lifting of the Soviet blockade of Berlin.

Taegliche Rundschau, in an editorial headed, "Whom do they think they are frightening?" described the Western protests as laughable.

Meanwhile, American officials said the Allied air lift to the blocked western sectors of the city has built up a four-week food bank for the 2,000,000 German living there.

This indication of the efficiency of the plane ferrying service came as the Communist Press warned that the Russian siege may last into the winter.

The Taegliche Rundschau editorial on the Allied notes said: "The proposal is laughable that, under conditions of a separate currency reform in the western zones, all measures should immediately be abandoned which the Soviet Military Administration had to undertake in order to protect the interests of the German people and the economy of the Soviet occupation zone and Berlin, which lies in the Soviet zone and economically is a part of it."

"Just as laughable is the proposal only to begin negotiations regarding Berlin," the paper continued. "Can the entire problem of Germany be replaced by a partial question regarding the lines of communication between Berlin and the western occupation zones?"—Associated Press and United Press.

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HIROHITO RELATION SUICIDES

Tokyo, July 14.
Fifty-five-year-old former Viscount Masanari Takagi, father-in-law of Emperor Hirohito's younger brother, Prince Mikasa, was believed today to have committed suicide due to the change brought about by Japan's defeat in the war.

Police searching for Takagi, who had been missing since the night of July 8, found a note by Takagi in the girls' high school where he was acting president, which clearly indicated that Takagi planned suicide.

In a "farewell" message to his adopted 30-year-old son, Takagi referred to the change in Japan's Government as a result of the country's defeat in the war.

He obviously referred to the new constitution under which the emperor had been relegated to a mere symbol of the state whereas under the old constitution sovereignty of the state lay in the emperor. The new constitution also abolished the peerage.

Takagi said economic conditions became so difficult with high prices in the postwar period he feared his family could not exist if conditions continued. The Japanese tax office officials said Takagi paid 1,430,000 yen—US\$100 under the new army conversion rate in special property tax and was hit hard financially without a steady income.

Takagi said he had considered suicide for 10 months.

He said the new constitution does not recognize the legal continuance of his family but hoped his son would make efforts to see that the Takagi family, which he said dates back to the Imperial family 1,000 years ago, be continued.

He also asked that no efforts be made to search for his body. Prince Mikasa told reporters he could not imagine why his father-in-law should commit suicide.—United Press.

Royalty Injured

Copenhagen, July 14.
Denmark's Queen Ingrid and three Princesses were injured today when the Queen smashed her car against a tree.

The Queen was said to have been driving when the car skidded near Grasten in South Jutland. The car smashed against a tree. The chauffeur was badly hurt.

The Queen and Princesses Margrethe, Benedikte and Anne Marie were taken to Soenderborg Hospital. Their condition is not known.—Associated Press.

Illegal Communication With Colony

Bangkok, Siam, July 14.
Siamese police today raided an illegal radio transmitter in an effort to smash an illicit commercial radio network exchanging commercial information with Hong Kong and Singapore.

Two operators were arrested at one illegal transmitter in the Yawarat district.

Police said the station was transmitting messages on foreign exchange rates, goods, shipments and ship movements giving traders the jump on competitors who were using legal but slow Siamese official radio service.—Associated Press.

Cargo Vessel Capsizes, Sinks In Pearl River

A 60-ton cargo motor vessel, the Anson, capsized and sank in the Pearl River yesterday morning after it had sprung a leak.

The 20 occupants, including crew and folk on board were saved by a passing Hong Kong ship, the Kwai Wah, but the cargo of vegetables, which caused the craft to overturn, was lost.

The Anson left Canton after midnight, heavily laden with vegetables. The vessel, measuring 88 feet with a beam of 18 feet, sprung a leak after its de-

PICTURE OF THE DAY ROYALTY IS DEMOBBED



Royalty, the only horse on the Navy's ration roll in the barracks at Devonport, was played out of the senior service on July 1 and honoured with a band of the Royal Marines. It is seen here exchanging his uniform hat with a straw boater. After five years in the navy, Royalty has been sold for farm work. An engine will now take over his task of pulling the cricket ground roller.

Negotiations On Smuggling Soon?

Nanking, July 14.
The Chinese Government will soon enter into negotiations again with the Hong Kong authorities to discuss effective measures for checking smuggling activities, it is reported here today.

Reports of a renewal of negotiations came in the wake of a semi-official charges that Hong Kong on its part had failed to enforce the provisions of

COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN CANTON

Canton, July 14.
It is reported that the local police have foiled what was said to have been a large-scale attempt on the part of Communist bandits to infiltrate into Canton.

Acting on information, police patrols kept a sharp night watch in the outlying areas of the city with the result that some 38 armed persons were arrested.

The Chien Kuo Jih Bao reported that "Communists have appointed their magistrates in the Waiyang and Po On districts to be responsible for smuggling weapons and ammunition and for carrying out destruction work."

During the past four days, four bandits were executed by the local police authorities, it is reported.

Meanwhile, from the Hoping area comes a report that "bandits" broke into a village and looted it thoroughly, while shops in one market area of the same sector were ransacked and then set on fire.—Reuters.

Anti-British Protests In Amman

Amman, July 14.
Flag-carrying crowds today marched through the streets of Amman, demanding more vigorous prosecution of the Palestine war.

Several hundred young Arabs gathered in Amman square and heard young Arabs bitterly assailed England's "traitorous" stand and urged Transjordanians to overthrow the British "imperialists who stabbed us in the back."

The populace was most angry at what it considered under table dealings of the British in attempting to dominate Arab affairs in the Middle East.

Similar demonstrations were held in Nabulus and Salt by the angry populace.

The Amman demonstrators were closely watched by reinforced police as they marched through the streets after loudly approving the speakers' accusations.—United Press.

ITALY STRIKE-BOUND FOLLOWING WOUNDING OF COMMUNIST LEADER

Rome July 14.
Palmiro Togliatti, Italy's leading Communist, was shot and wounded seriously today as he emerged from the Chamber of Deputies building. One doctor who saw him expressed belief he would live.

His assailant was arrested. First reports identified the man as Michele Ballante da Ruedazzi, 25-year-old student from Catania Province in Sicily. He was described as an ardent nationalist with no party affiliation.

The attack came at the height of a new drive by Italian leftists to upset the middle of the road Government of Premier de Gasperi. Both the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate, suspended their sessions.

Togliatti was wounded in the left thigh and the chest by his assailant's two bullets. Doctors said he was bleeding internally.

He was rushed to the Chamber of Deputies infirmary and then taken to Rome's polyclinic hospital for an operation. He was very pale as he left the Chamber building on a stretcher.

The doctor who said he thought Togliatti probably would survive said a blood transfusion had strengthened the Communist leader.

Sharp Reaction

The shooting brought immediate signs of sharp reaction from the left. On the heels of "serious demonstrations" at the Chamber of Deputies and Senate building, the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour sent telegrams summoning its executive committee to a secret session.

A general strike—rumoured for days as an outgrowth of current labour agitation—was reported in the making.

Togliatti, emerging from the Chamber of Deputies building, threw his leather brief case in front of his face in an effort to shield himself. In falling he struck his head on the pavement.

The shooting came as Italy's Socialist and Communist parties agreed to continue their unity. Official quarters here are worried over the increasing smuggling activities along the south China coast, which they consider is a contributing factor to the violent price fluctuations rocking the Chinese markets.

They are also inclined to believe that the anti-smuggling pact with Hong Kong has failed to serve its purpose for which they are advocating "drastic effective action." Reuters says.

United Press reports that the Finance Ministry may send representatives to Hong Kong to investigate the flight of Chinese capital to the colony.

The representatives also are expected to hold talks with Hong Kong government on measures to check the flight of capital.

Emergency Measures

The Kuomintang-controlled Peace Daily published an interview with Finance Vice-Minister Hsu Po-yuan saying that China might be compelled to resort to emergency measures to check flight of capital into Hong Kong, according to Associated Press.

"The report quoted Hsu as saying he blamed the Hong Kong Government's failure to ratify the economic and commercial sections of the Sino-Hong Kong agreement for the continued lack of controls."

A statement by an unnamed Finance Ministry official, prepared for distribution through the Government Information Office, said that "adequate blockade of smuggling channels to Hong Kong and Macao is a most important matter now at hand."

The statement said the Foreign Office was "expected to take a firm stand in this matter."

Hong Kong officials in recent statements blamed lack of enforcement of existing controls by the Chinese officials themselves for illegal flow of money and goods between China and the Crown colony.

Strikes Ordered

Moscow-trained Togliatti has been a bitter assailant of Italian participation in the European Recovery Programme, contending the ERP would "enslave" Italians to the American economy.

He also has sharply attacked the Vatican and its support of the Christian Democrats in the election.

Though would-be assassin Antonio Ballante told the police shortly after he was seized that he belonged to no political party and had no motive, "other than my personal beliefs," the nation's labour leaders were quick to seize upon the attempted assassination as the reason for general strikes throughout the country.

Milan, the Communist stronghold, was the first point at which the Leftist labour leaders acted. They ordered all workers to go on a general strike for an indefinite period.

The Rome Chamber of Labour quickly followed with a call for

Missing On Flight To Hong Kong

Manila, July 14.
A civilian air freight plane with a cargo of fruit for Hong Kong, was reported down today 100 miles off the northwest coast of Luzon.

The U. S. Air Force dispatched B-17 search planes to the area to drop rubber rafts.

The plane was chartered by Trans-Asiatic Airlines from Insular Airways for a flight of fruit to Hong Kong.—Associated Press.

IMPORTANT ARAB BASE CAPTURED

Tel Aviv, July 14.
Jewish forces today captured Shafa Amr, one of the main Arab bases in northern Palestine, in a new offensive aimed southeastward from the Hula area.

Fighting flared up briskly in several sectors on the Palestine front despite some prospects for a new truce in response to an appeal by the Security Council.

For the second straight day Arab bombers struck at Haifa. When the bombers appeared over the town, it was their third thrust within 90 minutes.

Anti-aircraft batteries roared into action. The defence fire forced the raiders to fly high and spoiled their aim. The nationality of the planes was not established.

The fall of Shafa Amr, 10 miles east of Haifa, came a few hours after the Jews in mid-western Galilee opened their push south-eastward. The town was the primary base of the so-called Arab Army of Liberation under Fawzi al-Kawakibi.

The Israel column driving toward Nazareth from the plan of Eszraelon captured Maalul, Ave miles west of Nazareth. Demolition squads advanced beyond Maalul and blew up the bridge on Nazareth road to make an immediately Arab counter-attack impossible.

The Arabs in that withdrew to the village of Mujiddi, a little way to the south. The pursuing Jewish troops overtook them and a sharp battle for Mujiddi was going on.

Syrian forces in the north-east corner of Palestine withdrew from their defence line across the border after Jewish troops captured the strategic heights in that sector.—United Press.

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PUBLICATION RESUMED

Canton, July 14.
After being out of circulation here since V-J Day, the Wah Kiu Yat Po, a leading vernacular paper in Hong Kong, was admitted today by official notification from Nanking.

The paper was banned here by General Chiang Kai-shek, the former military chief of Kwangtung.—Associated Press.

EMPIRE MEDICAL BUREAU

London, July 13.
An Empire Medical Advisory Bureau was opened in London to-night.—Reuters.

The Weather

A complex low pressure area covers China and from it a trough extends across the Eastern Sea and Japan to a depression 22° of North.

Pressure is also low between Mindanao and the Carolines.

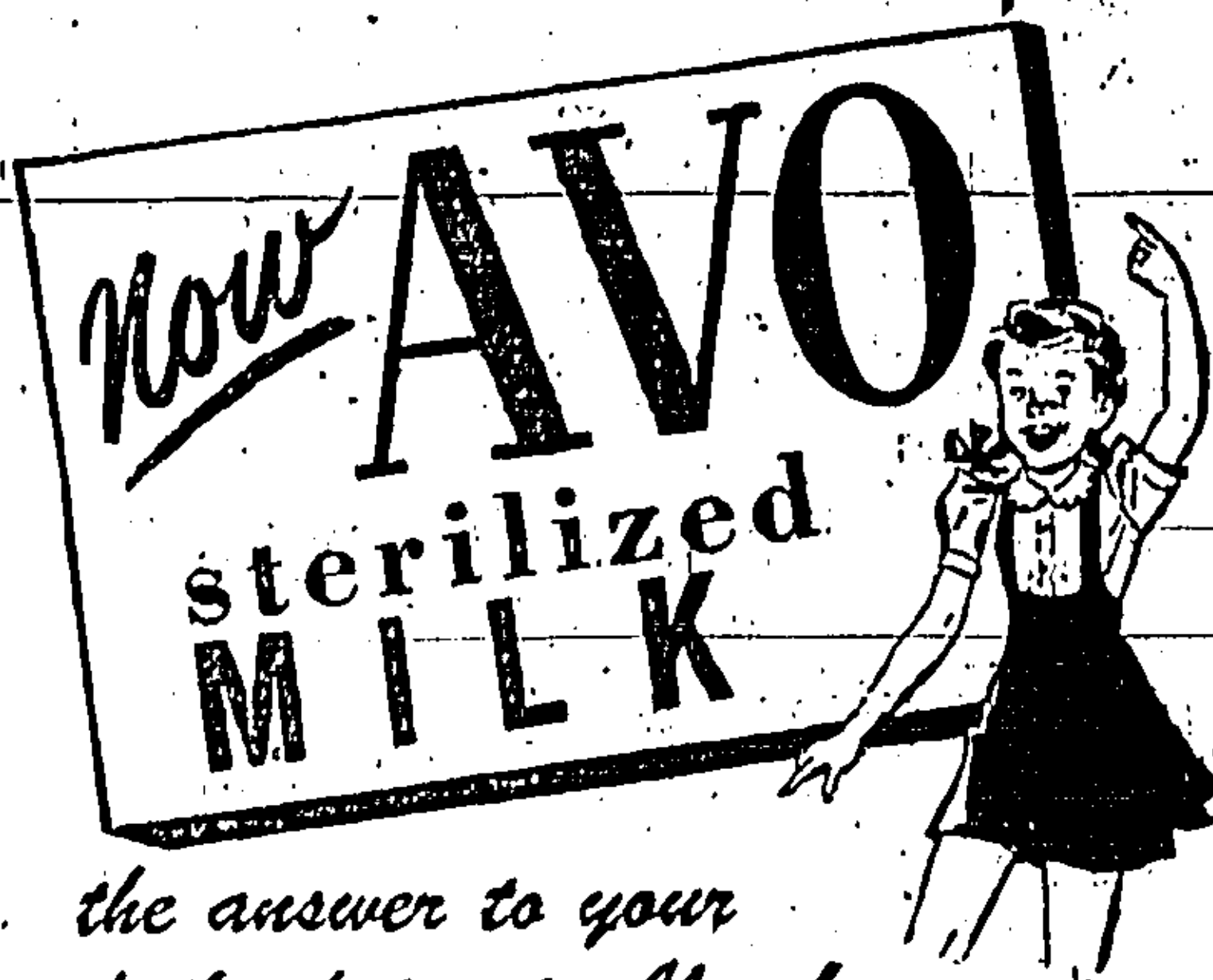
A weak ridge extends from Malaya across the South China Sea to a small anticyclone centred NE of Luzon.

Today's Forecast: Moderate SW winds. Fair periods and showers.

Temperature (Wahkui): Maximum 82.0 deg. F. Minimum 73.5 deg. F. Sunshine 8.5 hours.

Rainfall: 1.0 mm.—0.01 in. Total since Jan.—1017.2 mm.—40.04 in. against an average of 1150.0 mm.—45.28 in.

Bar. at sea level	1008.0	1008.0
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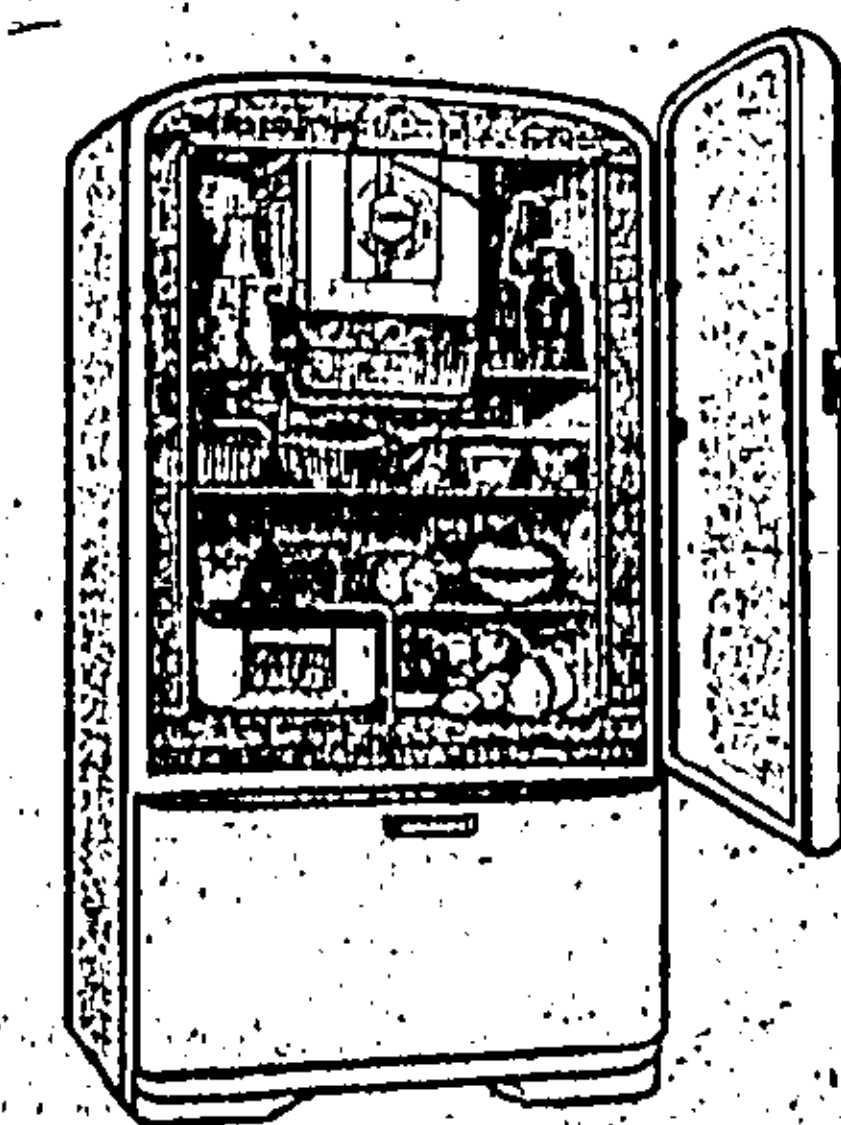
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RUSES TO CIRCUMVENT CONTROLLED PRICES

The practice of small cafes and soda fountains, of charging for "small plates of sugar whether they were used or not" was condemned by Mr. J. H. G. Pitman, Price Control Officer, at Kowloon yesterday.

When Liu Kwai of the Cuba Fountain, 2 Tai Po Road, pleaded before Mr. J. Wicks that the 15 cents excess charge on each of two bottles of fresh milk sold to STI Inspectors L. Cheung and M. To on June 7 was for sugar supplied, Mr. Pitman said that that was the usual trick to circumvent the controlled price of 50 cents a bottle.

"These people," said Mr. Pitman, "have been warned repeatedly that if a customer used the sugar it must be charged separately on the bill, and not added on to the charge for the milk. In many cases, the sugar was not consumed and yet the charge was added on."

Defendant was fined \$500 on the excess charge, and an additional \$25 for not displaying a price tag.

"I have received numerous complaints against this store, and have tried for a long time to obtain proof," said Mr. Pitman when the Peninsula Store, 7 Hunkow Road, was summoned for selling a bottle of hair cream at 30 cents more than the controlled price of \$3-per bottle.

Mr. Pitman said that two of his inspectors, Miss Mary Salre, and P. Young, were charged \$3.30 for a bottle of "Brylcreem" on May 10. On their receiving their identity after the purchase, the price tag with 53 marked on it was produced from another part of the store.

The defendant firm, he said, was a "very big store in Kowloon dealing in sundries and drugs," and was, in November 1946, fined \$325 for breach of the Price Control regulations.

Error Pleaded
When Wong Yuen, the shop's representative, pleaded that the error was made by a clerk, he was told by the magistrate that he should keep a better control on his employees. Fined \$600.

Other summonses dealt with were against the Kiu Cheong (Wai Kee) shop at 12 Ngai Tsai Wai Road for selling a tin of Gilbs dentifrice at 60 cents instead of 55 cents. Fined \$325. Second offence.

An overcharge of \$1.60 on a fluorescent lamp, and failing to have a price tag, cost the Wah Kwong Electric Shop, 130 Portland Street, \$325. Fined \$325.

For selling a bottle of "Brylcreem" at 50 cents more than the controlled price, and failing to display a price tag, the Yat Lee Co., 414 Shanghai Street, was fined \$275. The same penalty was imposed on the Sun Kee shop at 25 Peking Road for selling a fluorescent lamp at 60 cents more than the ceiling price.

The Sang Woo Ho of 319 Shanghai Street was fined \$175 for charging \$1.20, instead of 85 cents, for a cake of Cashmere soap, while Leung Ngan of still 430 at Cheungshing Road was fined \$150 for a similar offence.

An excess charge of 70 cents on a pound of margarine resulted in the Tung Shing Store of 37 Temple Street being fined \$275.

Pure Profitsteering
"This business is pure profitsteering. These stall-holders buy their soap at controlled prices and re-sell them at a slightly higher price to obtain their profit," said Mr. Pitman when Wong Kung-chot of stall 407 at Cheungshing Road was summoned for selling a cake of Cashmere soap at 10 cents over the ceiling price of 70 cents.

He was fined \$125, when he successfully pleaded for a reduction on the original penalty of \$325 on the ground that his business was "a very small one and that the entire capital does not amount to the fine."

For selling a tin of Cuticura at 20 cents more than the controlled price of \$2.20 to STI Inspectors M. Soares and V. Ciani, the Lung Wah Store of 22 Ngai Tsai Wai Road was fined \$75.

A very small store doing a poor business, was fined a total of \$90 for selling a tin of herring in tomato sauce at an overcharge of five cents and for failing to display the price. Mr. Pitman informed the Court that that commodity had been taken off the controlled list, but was controlled when the Sun Sik Store of 7 Temple Street was summoned.

Two summonses against the Ming Kee shop of Yumait Railway Station Road for overcharging on a tin of milk powder and failing to display the price were adjourned for a week.

Indecent Assault
A 17-year-old married woman was sleeping on her bed out in the verandah of 112 Tam Kung Road, second floor, at 1 a.m. on July 11 when she was awakened by the touch of a hand on the upper part of her body.

When she opened her eyes she saw her 20-year-old co-tenant, Chiu Kam, standing by the side of her bed with his hands feeling all over her body.

She scolded him to go away. He went out his jacket, and left the house.

The assault would not have been reported to the Police if Chiu had not, as alleged by the young woman, repeated his offence on the following night, said Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth when Chiu was charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on three counts of indecent assault.

On defendant pleading guilty to the charge, STI Howarth withdrew the other two. Accused was fined \$100 and warned that a repetition would result in a gaol sentence without the option of a fine.

Heroin Smokers Fined
Four heroin smokers were fined \$35 each by Mr. W. H. Letimer at Kowloon yesterday. Another had his bail of \$50 forfeited.

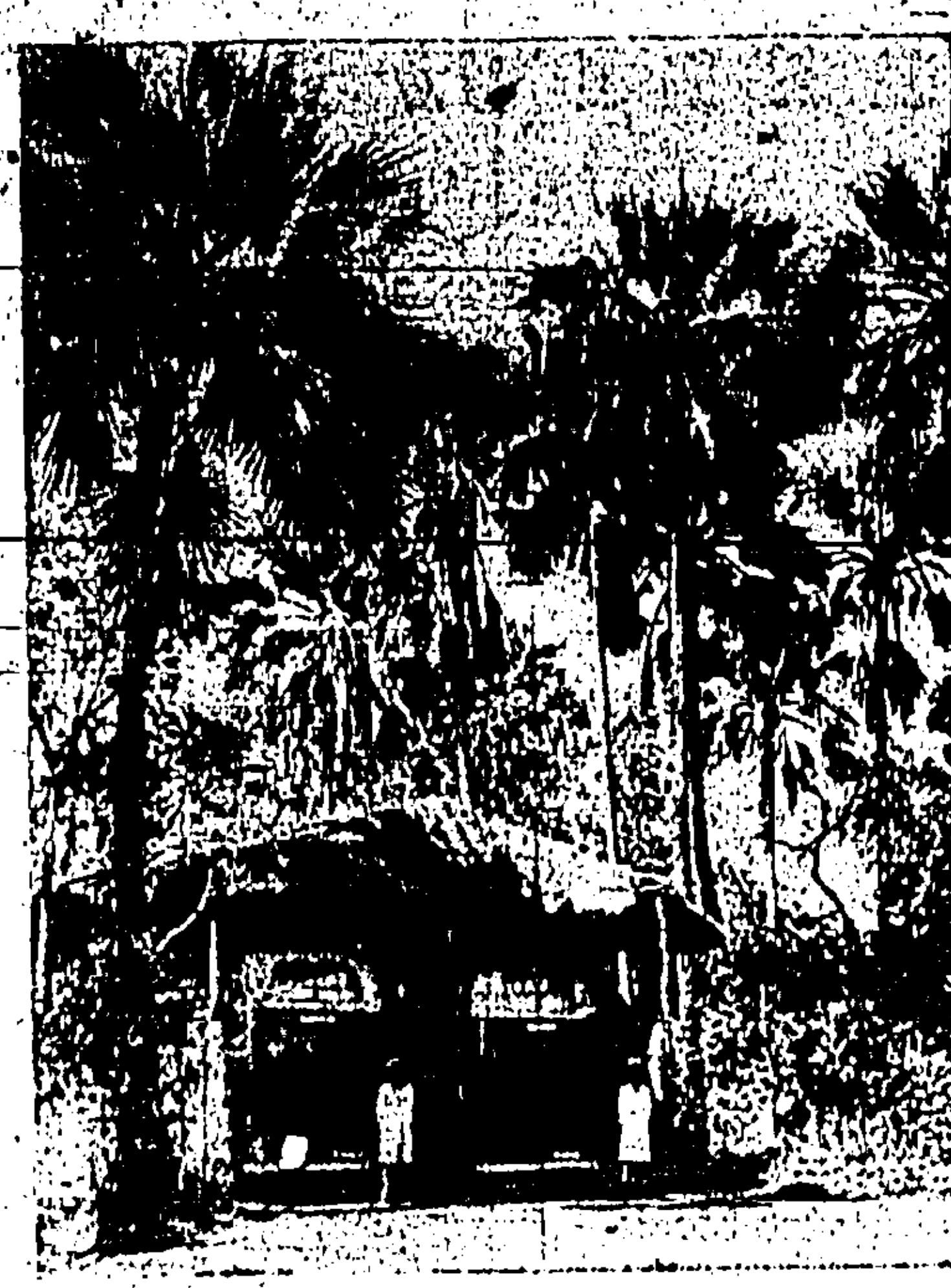
The men were arrested by Det. Sub-Inspector W. J. Morrison at 88 Wooning Street, second floor, on July 13, where eight heroin pipes, 153 pills, and Lau Kau, the alleged keepers, were found.

On the application of Inspector J. Orem, Lau was remanded for one week for the Government Analyst's report on the composition of the pink pills.

Did Not Exist
The woman went to the pawnshop at the address given, only to find that it existed only in the imagination of Lee Wah, and that the ticket was a forgery.

Weighting list
When Tong King-man and Li Man-on, with their heads bandaged, were charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with disorderly conduct, Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth explained that defendants had been fighting each other with wooden staves in Lanchuk Road.

The dispute was over a site for business in Kowloon City, said STI Howarth, and when tempers became frayed there was "a bit of a push, fight" between the two. Defendants, as well as a third man, were charged with disorderly conduct. They were fined \$100 each for 12 months.



Two members of the native staff stand outside a garage built in the bush at the BOAC station at Victoria Falls.

STAG HOTEL DISPUTE

Plot To Twist Evidence Alleged

A submission that there had been a conspiracy not to disclose but twist the evidence was put forward at the Supreme Court yesterday by Mr. A. J. Clifford.

The submission was made by Mr. Clifford when he opened the case for the defence in the Stag Hotel dispute, which is being heard before Mr. Justice Gault (Acting Chief Justice).

The dispute has arisen over the question as to whether the original partnership formed in 1933 under the style of Stag Hotel (Mun Kee) had been dissolved and replaced by a new partnership—Stag Hotel (Hep Kee) formed during the Japanese Occupation.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., instructed by Mr. M. A. de Silva, Mr. Sidney Ng Quinn of Messrs. Britton & Co., and Mr. G. S. Ford represents the plaintiffs, Li Tsze-chiu, Li Kiu-po, Ho Ching-suen, Wong Chai-shi, Tong King-fong, Ng Chak-iam and Mak Chi-ling.

The defendants, Li Kar-yam and Chan Mo-ching, who claim more than 40 per cent in the partnership but whose claim is disputed by the plaintiffs, are represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. F. L. Lam.

Mr. Clifford said that Lo Kay-yang, a rent collector prior to 1943 and acted for a landlord who owned several properties, including the premises in which the Stag Hotel was housed. Lo had known Tang Kam-tong, for four or five years before 1943.

In September 1943, Tong told Lo that Li Kiu-po had disappeared and left the management of the hotel in the hands of his daughter. An advertisement had been inserted in the newspapers asking Li Kiu-po to return and render accounts.

After dealing with different meetings which had been held, Mr. Clifford said that on the re-occupation of the Colony, there was a housing shortage and a boom in the hotel business started.

Mr. Clifford said that this boom was the whole cause of the action. People who had been only too willing to get out of the Colony now wanted to come back and share in the profits of a business which they did nothing to preserve.

Mr. Clifford then proceeded to deal at length with the law on the points at issue and in conclusion, said that if the Court enforced the case in favour of the plaintiffs, it would be enforcing a conspiracy to deprive Li Kar-yam of the benefits which were his due.

Mr. Clifford also said that the conspiracy was also not to disclose but to twist evidence so as to fit the case.

Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

FELL FOR VERY OLD PAWN TICKET TRICK

Lee Wah, an out-of-work young man of 25, went to some trouble before working "the very old trick" of swindling a 35-year-old woman of \$20 and a gold ring in the afternoon of July 2.

He went up to Wong Kam, the woman in question, and showed her a "pawn ticket" for two gold chains, weighing 2.8 taels and pledged for \$91.85, issued by the "Shing Wo Pawn Shop, 247 Ching Street, Wanchai."

He was so hard up, he told the woman, that he was prepared to sell the "ticket" for \$100. When Wong said that she had only \$20 and a gold ring (valued at \$80), Lee said he was prepared to accept that in exchange for the "pawn ticket."

The woman went to the pawnshop at the address given, only to find that it existed only in the imagination of Lee Wah, and that the ticket was a forgery.

Mrs. D. W. Wolfe-Flanagan of Gloucester Hotel was cautioned when she pleaded guilty before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday for leaving her car unattended outside the China Travel Service, Queen's Road Central on May 28.

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BOAC Takes Over From Elephants

The first flying boat service ever to be established between the United Kingdom and inland terminals in South Africa—now operated by BOAC Solent aircraft—marks another stride in British post-war civil aviation.

The setting up of the service was accomplished in the face of a great many difficulties. One of these was the construction of a base at Victoria Falls which was completed in seven months, during which time a new station had to be built, four-and-a-half miles long, were hacked from the bush in the face of strong opposition from wild game, torrential rains, and from the Zambesi River.

A year ago BOAC officials, with representatives from the Civil Aviation Directorate in Southern Rhodesia, met in Salisbury to plan the stretch of river four miles above Victoria Falls as a flying boat landing area. A site for the terminal building was laid out on the southern bank of the river. Unfortunately the site had long been used by elephants as a bathing place.

It was chosen for the very reason that over a period of years, the surrounding area had been flattened by innumerable large trees and acacia. The elephants resented the violation of their bathing rights and the construction people had a battle to keep their footing in the area. They eventually obtained aid from the local police and the Game Warden in driving the elephants away.

Next, a hippo, which had apparently been wounded in a fight and thrown out the herd, decided to take up residence near the BOAC compound. It made a habit of chasing the local employees up trees, and periodically pushing over their flimsy houses. It was finally driven into the river.

Finally there were the crocodiles, who had been in the habit of sunning themselves on nearby sandbanks and were resentful of having their seclusion disturbed—so much so that the BOAC staff now have a .303 rifle for use in repelling operations.

Progress was also hindered by the all-time high level of the Zambesi River, which this year flooded to a height of 114.5 feet. So rapid was the rise that the foundations of the BOAC jetty were covered by water, and an improvised jetty of palm-trees, railway tracks and sleepers constructed for the first Solent proving flights.

Hostile Hippo
Next, a hippo, which had apparently been wounded in a fight and thrown out the herd, decided to take up residence near the BOAC compound. It made a habit of chasing the local employees up trees, and periodically pushing over their flimsy houses. It was finally driven into the river.

Finally there were the crocodiles, who had been in the habit of sunning themselves on nearby sandbanks and were resentful of having their seclusion disturbed—so much so that the BOAC staff now have a .303 rifle for use in repelling operations.

Progress was also hindered by the all-time high level of the Zambesi River, which this year flooded to a height of 114.5 feet. So rapid was the rise that the foundations of the BOAC jetty were covered by water, and an improvised jetty of palm-trees, railway tracks and sleepers constructed for the first Solent proving flights.

Hotel Boom
After dealing with different meetings which had been held, Mr. Clifford said that on the re-occupation of the Colony, there was a housing shortage and a boom in the hotel business started.

Mr. Clifford said that this boom was the whole cause of the action. People who had been only too willing to get out of the Colony now wanted to come back and share in the profits of a business which they did nothing to preserve.

Mr. Clifford then proceeded to deal at length with the law on the points at issue and in conclusion, said that if the Court enforced the case in favour of the plaintiffs, it would be enforcing a conspiracy to deprive Li Kar-yam of the benefits which were his due.

Mr. Clifford also said that the conspiracy was also not to disclose but to twist evidence so as to fit the case.

Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

Godown Burglary Sentences

At yesterday's hearing of the trial of the four men on charges of godown breaking at Kennedy Town two of the men altered their pleas of not guilty to guilty on charges of counselling and procuring.

Defendants were Wong Hung, Kwok Yik Lung, Chen Lung, and Li Kam Tin. The first three were defended by Mr. C. A. S. Hing. Last defendant was not legally represented.

The charge against all defendants was originally: breaking into a godown, splicing changes of counselling and procuring Li Shui to break into the godown were preferred against the first two men.

A full charge of remise, in the execution of his duty and receiving stolen property, (eight rolls of cloth valued at \$4,080.00) was preferred against third accused.

Fourth defendant pleaded guilty to the charge of godown breaking. First two defendants admitted counselling and procuring Li Shui to break into the godown. Third defendant admitted charges of remise in the execution of his duty by leaving his post and receiving the stolen property knowing it to be stolen.

They were sentenced to six months, nine months, four months (with the option of a fine of \$500) and one year's hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Dispute Over Site
When Tong King-man and Li Man-on, with their heads bandaged, were charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with disorderly conduct, Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth explained that defendants had been fighting each other with wooden staves in Lanchuk Road.

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dinance 1897, made an Order
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and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 7th day of August, 1948.

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Vatican City, July 13.

Pope Pius today told the new Ecuadorian Amba-
sador to the Holy See, Professor Manuel
Larrea, that the root of perils to world peace
and the instability of treaties was "lack of a
moral code recognised by all."

The Pope said that his worst expectations of a post-
war period of "particular egotistical interest
and evidence of an overwhelming lust for
power" had been realised.

"There is but one cause,"
said the Pope. "It is lack of
conscience, of a norm recognised
by all, which is morally
obligatory and inviolable; a
norm whose application to the
concrete problems of peace
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growth of particular egotistical
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Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m.
(Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m.
(Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

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9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Hailow, (Reg.) 8 p.m.
(Ord.) 8.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia,
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Malacca and Tientsin, 8 a.m.

Shanghai, 11 a.m.

Japan (Ord. Letters and Cards only),
11 a.m.

Malacca and Tientsin, 1 p.m.

Canton (2nd class mail only), 4 p.m.

Swatow and Sandakan, 2 p.m.

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Shanghai, 3 p.m.

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JULY to SATURDAY, 31st
AUGUST (both days inclusive)
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By Order of the Board of
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D. F. LANDALE,
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Hongkong, 13th July, 1948.

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Applications for Dividend
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The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
16th to 31st July, 1948, both
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By order of the Board of
Directors,
R. TAYLOR,
Manager & Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd July, 1948.

Lewis Signs Contract

Washington, July 13.
Settlement of the strike in
"active" steel company coal
mines was announced today
with the signing of a contract
by John L. Lewis and a steel
company representative.
The 40,000 striking miners
are scheduled to go back to
work on Wednesday. They
have been idle a week.—As-
sociated Press.

HOFFMAN TO VISIT EUROPE

Washington, July 14.
Mr. Paul Hoffman, Economic
Cooperation Administrator, an-
nounced today that he will
leave on July 21 by air for a
series of conferences with ECA
representatives.

This will be his first trip to
Europe since his appointment.
Mr. Hoffman's announcement
said that he would confer in Paris
with Mr. Averell Harriman, ro-
ving ECA Ambassador, and mem-
bers of his staff.

An official of the ECA said to-
day that Mr. Hoffman probably
would confine his visit to Paris,
which is Mr. Harriman's head-
quarters.

He also plans to consult with
Mr. David Bruce, chief of ECA's
special mission to France, and
with Mr. Thomas Finletter, chief
of the mission to Great Britain—
Sauter.

Aussie Air Talks With India

New Delhi, July 14.
Air treaty talks with Australia
will begin in New Delhi on July
15, civil aviation officials said to-
day.

They added that Garuda Air-
ways are already serving Calcutta
on a temporary permit but Indian
Lines have no plans at present to
extend a service to Australia. The
officials disclosed that preliminary
negotiations for air pacts are un-
der way with Siam and Iran.

"India is very interested in
serving Bangkok," the officials
said.—Associated Press.

NOT INTENDED TO EMBARRASS THEM

Shanghai, July 14.
Mr. Louis Tsu, Chief of the Foreign Affairs Depart-
ment of the Police Bureau, said yesterday that
the new regulations requiring foreigners to
obtain a permit before moving out of the
Shanghai city limits were not meant to em-
barrass foreigners.

They were issued by Nan-
king, and the local police had
no power to modify the regu-
lations, though in certain cases
they might soften their con-
trol, he declared.

Mr. Tsu added that the police
do not entertain any fear that
some foreign travellers might be
in league with the Chinese Com-
munist.

In commenting today on the
spate of protest letters from for-
eign readers, the British-owned
North China Daily News said that
if the British authorities in Br-
tain conceived a similar regula-
tion, they would be laughed out
of countenance.

The paper added that "it is be-
ing forced more and more upon
the public, both Chinese and for-
eign, that much of the legislation
of this type which has been in-
troduced since the conclusion of
hostilities is but an imitation of
Japanese methods."

"There is arising a mass of
petty regulations which delighted
the hearts of petty officials in
Japan is so well-known to pro-
fessors, tourists, and if the Chinese
authorities cannot do better than
ape the people they helped to de-
feat, there is obviously something
wrong in their make-up."—Reuter.

'Peking Man' Discoverer Dead

New York, July 13.

The death was announced here
today of Dr. Frano Weidenreich,
anthropologist famous for his dis-
covery of a complete skull of the
"Peking Man" in a sinanthropus
near Peiping, China, in 1937,
which is considered one of the
most important anthropological
discoveries.

Ousted by the Nazis from his
homeland Germany in 1933, the
75-year-old doctor came to the
United States the same year and
remained here briefly before go-
ing to Peiping under the auspices
of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Later he was visiting professor of
anatomy and acting director of
the Cenozoic research laboratory
of the National Geological Survey
of China and the Peiping Union
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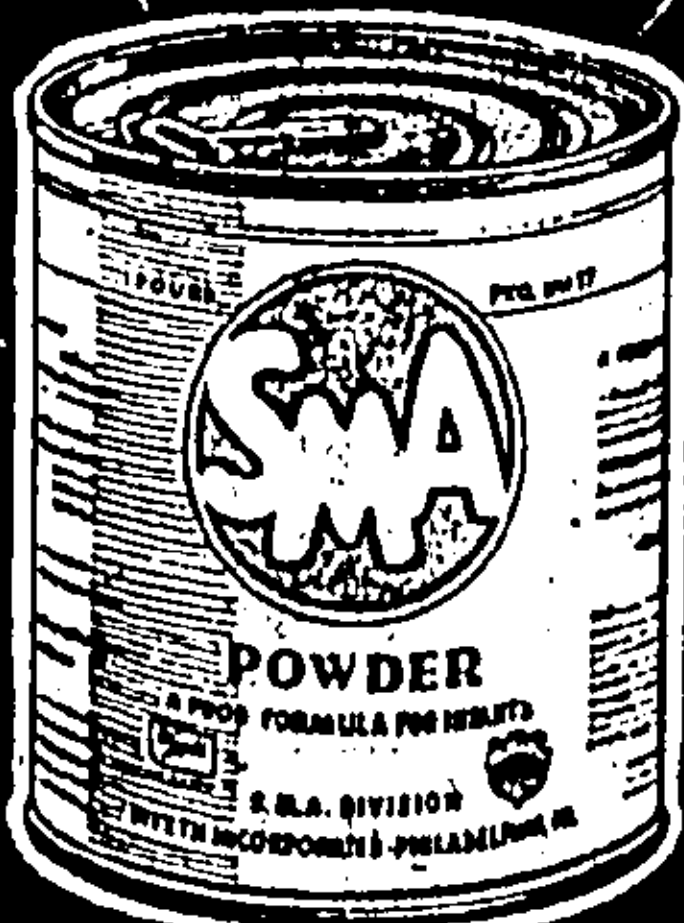
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BRITAIN'S COAL LOSSES

National Board Deficit In First Year

LONG-TERM PLAN FOR MINES

London, July 13.

The National Coal Board, operator of Britain's publicly owned coal pits, reported today that its first year of operation of the nation's mines resulted in a loss of £23,255,587.

The operations for the period ending Dec. 31, 1947, however, included the expenditure of approximately £19,000,000 on capital account largely to begin modernisation and re-equipment of some of the older mines.

Indicating the size of the re-organisation job to be done before Britain's coal mines are fully modernised, the Board said that by the end of last year it had earmarked £536,000,000 for capital improvement "over a period of several years."

"It will be some time before the Board's final long term programme has been drawn up," it added.

The law nationalising the coal mines was passed during 1946 and the Coal Board took over operations on New Year's Day, 1947.

The printed report ran to 100,000 words—longer than the average novel—and was supplemented with 111 pages of detailed statistics.

Subsidies

It covered a period which included the fuel crisis of February and March, 1947, a crisis brought on by inadequate stocks and record snowfalls which stopped coal transport.

The net operating loss was £6,187,300.

The Board compared this account with operating losses under private ownership, noting that "the industry was subsidised by the Exchequer to the extent of £27,600,000 between 1942 and 1946."

Last year mining operations

lost £8,203,003, but profits on coke ovens and other subsidised brought in £3,019,905 to trim the losses.

An Incentive

It could have been covered by raising prices still further, the Board said, but instead it incurred a deficit "which will serve as an incentive to future economies."

"A joint stock company," it observed, "could have covered part of the deficit by not distributing any dividends. This expenditure was not open to the Board," it said, because it "must make payments of capital and interest to the Government each year whether good or bad."

Concessions to miners during the year will cost £2,300,000 in a full year, it said.—Associated Press.

ANTI-GASPERI MOVEMENT

Rome, July 13.

Italy's Communists and Socialists tonight announced a "pact of unified action" against Premier Alcide De Gasperi's "clerical and police regime."

Meanwhile, Italy's Government rejected Labour's urgent wage demands as inflationary and announced instead a programme of higher taxes, lower costs and increased employment.—Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

The Authority on Authority

THE ORDER DECIDES IT WITH many a No Trump game, the deciding factor is the order in which the declarer tackles the various suits in which he aims to establish tricks. If he knows one particular long suit against him, and retains a single stopper in it, he must try to keep that enemy out of the lead after the stopper gets removed. Letting him have the lead earlier can not harm. Therefore, if one of South's side suits contains a positive loser, and the other only a possible loser to the partner of the long-suit man, he should work on the first of those suits before the second.

S 8 5 3 2
H 8 7
D A K Q 10 7
C 6 4

S-A 10-9-8-7-4
H-Q 10 9 8 7 4
D-4 3 2
C-K J 8 3

S-K Q J
H-A K 5
D-6 3
C-A Q 10 7 2

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)
South West North East
1 C 1 H 2 D Pass
3 NT

Against this West made his natural lead of the heart Q. As a protective measure South let it win, then took the 10 with the K. With only two diamonds, he saw that the safest way to seek as many tricks as possible in the suit was to finesse the 10, which lost to the J. East returned his heart 6 to knock out the last stopper. South now ran four diamonds. Requiring two more

tricks than were immediately in sight, he led a spade, hoping East had the A. West did, however, so followed the trick with three in hearts to set the contract.

South's sound planning process was first to count up tricks. He would have noted that two in hearts, one in clubs and four in diamonds, making seven, would leave him requiring two more. Those would be certain in spades. Furthermore, West might be able to win the spade trick, but couldn't possibly win the diamond finesse. So, after winning the second heart, he should have led a spade. After West won, a heart return could clear the hearts, but East would then be on of hearts. So the diamond finesse would not have risked the contract. After winning it, any return by East would have put South in to run home with a total of two tricks in spades, two in hearts, four in diamonds and one in clubs.

Tomorrow's Problem

S J 7 4
H K Q 10 9 8 2
D 6 2
C K 10

S-K 8 8
H-3 3
D-K Q J
C-Q 7 3

S-5
H-8 4
D-A 10 7 5
C-7 3 2 4 2

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)
What should be the bidding of this deal, after North opens with a questionable 1-Heart?

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Anglo-Soviet
Trade Talks

London, July 13.

British officials hope that the meeting now taking place between M. George Zarubin, Russian Ambassador to Britain, and Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, will lead to the immediate opening of full-scale talks in London on a long-term trade agreement between the two countries.—Reuter.

ARMS FOUND
IN BOMBAY

Bombay, July 13.

The Police today recovered 22 bombs and bomb-making equipment from a house in Null Bazaar in the heart of Bombay's riot area.

Six persons were arrested in connection with the find which occurred after one bomb had exploded injuring one person.

Communal disturbances are apparently ebbing with no incidents reported officially though stray stabbings are occurring. These, however, are not reported in the press which has been ordered to publish only official news.—Associated Press.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.15 p.m., and also on 0.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.15 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Melodies from British Films (BBC).

1.00 p.m.—Melodies from the Organ.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Composer: Cavalcade: Fritz Kreisler (ORHS). Anten and His Orchestra with Doreen Lavender and Stephen Marston (Vocal).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Trade Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "The Magic Wand" by Charles Dickens (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—Serenade to the Stars (BBC).

6.45 p.m.—Tex Winters and His Tumbling Tumbleweeds (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—"ITMA" with Tommy Handley (BBC).

7.30 p.m.—Le Demi-Heure Francophone (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—The British Concert Hall (BBC).

8.30 p.m.—Favourite Piano Solos.

9.30 p.m.—The Bohemian Light Orchestra and Herbert Grob (Tenor).

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—Cello Solos.

10.30 p.m.—New Dance Records.

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

SIAMESE
ARMY ON
THE ALERT

Bangkok, July 13.

Siamese today alerted her armed forces against a possible outbreak of Communist trouble.

Field Marshal Pibul Songkram, the Prime Minister, announced that military forces had been ordered to remain in a "state of readiness" following reports that "Communists and some other disruptive elements" had been plotting agitation and unrest throughout the country.

He disclosed at a press conference that the Government had ordered the arrest of Communist leaders throughout Siam.

"We are all set for prompt and speedy action at the slightest sign of trouble," he said, adding: "The Communists will have no chance in Siam as long as I remain head of the Government."—Reuter.

GRAMMOS DRIVE

Athens, July 13.

A Government communiqué said today that the Greek Army's renewed drive in the Grammos mountain area made limited progress, with Ninth Division troops capturing Pourni, 14 kilometres north-west of Konitsa. The communiqué added that Greek troops also crossed the Sarandaporo River, supply line of General Markos Vafiadis, guerrilla chief.

Meanwhile, in eastern Thrace, other guerrillas fired 50 shells into Alexandroupolis and 90 into Komotini. A number of civilians were wounded.—United Press.

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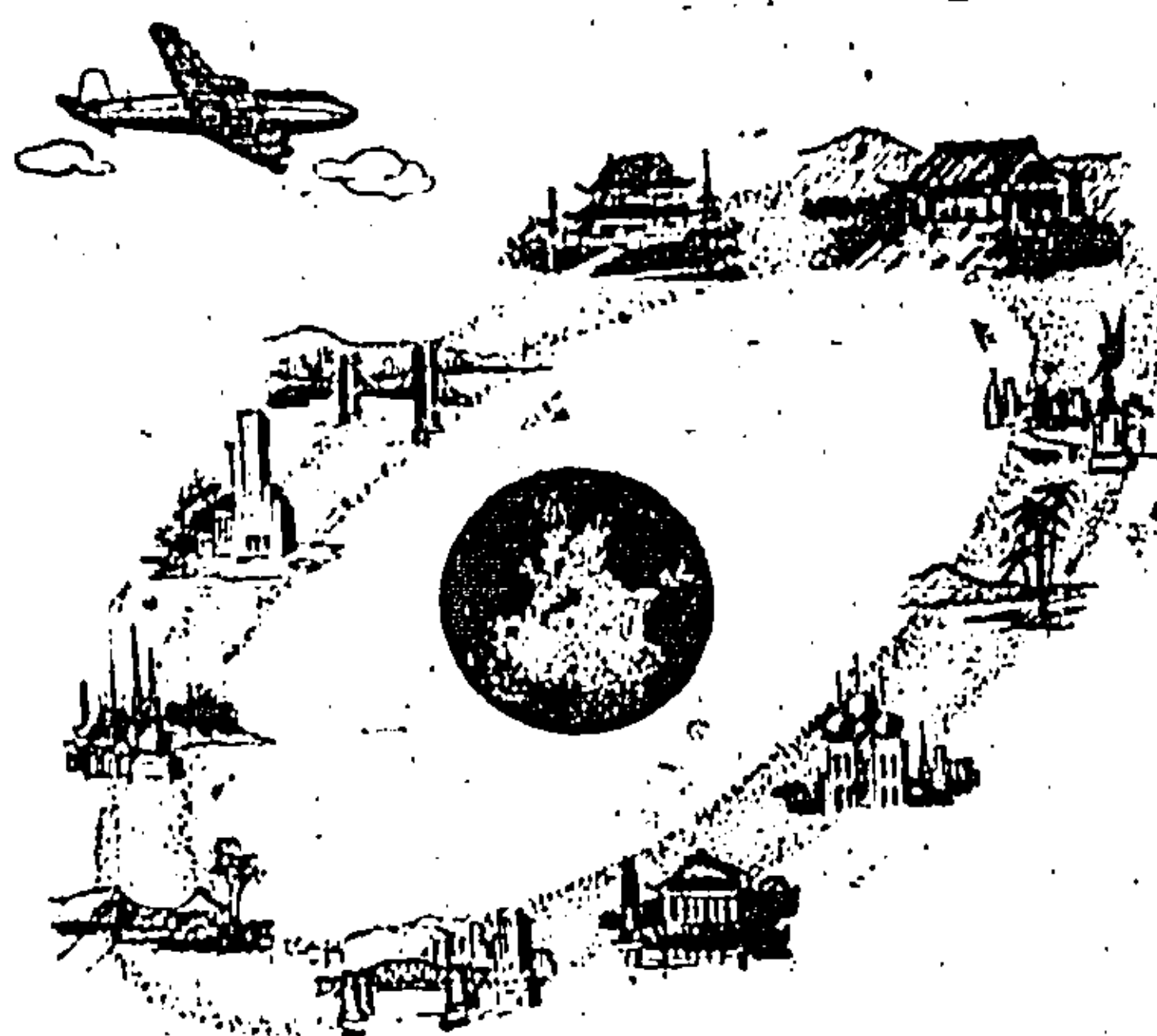
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NEOH—On July 14, 1945—To Veronica Hauwai (nee Lee Ah-ye) wife of Steve Neoh, a son—Christopher Paul (Honolulu, Straits and Shanghai papers please copy).

DEATH

OZORIO—On July 5, 1945, at the St. Marie Hospital, Shanghai, Charles Michael Ozorio, aged 55 years, dearly-loved husband of Mrs. Gladys Ozorio and father of Billy and Raymond.

CHARITY AND WAR VICTIMS

Unless some essential fact is missing, which would present the case in an entirely new light, the indignation expressed by Mr. T. P. Jackson in a letter to the English Press yesterday at official repudiation of pension liability to the mother of a Hong Kong war casualty, will be widely echoed. Enough sense of grievance has already been expressed about Hong Kong's breaches of faith with the dependents of war victims of local origin that what, at first, might appear to be a test of credulity, has to be accepted, unfortunately, as all too probable. Indeed, it is permissible to query how many similar instances have occurred, where there has been no Mr. Jackson to come out and champion the cause. The public conscience will, if the facts are as stated, be shocked almost as much by the miserable pittance which a 'grateful' commonwealth allotted to the mother (HK\$8 each week) as by the contemptible meanness of mind which could decide to deprive her of it on a technical ground. The whole affair demands a great deal of explanation; and an explanation which carries greater weight than rule-of-thumb reference to King's Regulations. It is straining good sense severely to raise doubts in January 1946 over the fate of a youth who was officially listed in October 1945 as "Missing Believed Killed".

Presumably, the dependent in this case could forget the military authorities and make her appeal to the trustees of the War Memorial Fund. But it would be a step to be deprecated. The liability to render simple justice in any such case as this should remain where it properly belongs. We have, in fact, urged on more than one occasion, and our opinion is unchanged, that the whole basis on which the War Memorial Fund operates today is wrong in principle. To cast upon a charitable organisation—for nothing can take it out of that category—the responsibility for the well-being of the dependents of men who died, or were disabled, fighting in the defence of Hong Kong, was a device which added nothing to the credit of the Government of Hong Kong. The payment of conscience money in the form of a dollar-for-dollar contribution matching all private subscriptions to the Fund for a period was an unimpressive palliative which lost much of its meaning when the time limit was announced. Look at it how you will, the inescapable fact is that the system converts into a plea for charity that which should have been conferred as a right.

There is, in any case, a growing body of criticism regarding the manner in which

A STRIKE TO STOP BEFORE IT STARTS

Look out! A new new crisis is at hand in British industry. After the dock strike—and far more grave comes a threat of "down-tools" in the great engineering and shipbuilding trades.

The measure of this peril is that last month fewer than 20,000 dockers and stevedores struck; in this new dispute more than 3,000,000 workers, covering 37 unions are involved. These unions are grouped together in the most powerful industrial bloc in Britain—the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions. It includes the Amalgamated Engineering Union, Electrical Trades Union, Boiler-makers, Brasmakers, Foundry-workers, Pattern-makers, Painters, Plumbers, Sheetmetal Workers, Scientific Workers, Woodworkers, and Vehicle Builders.

The Nation

The loss caused to Britain by the dock strike can be assessed only when we see the export figures for the next few months, for the dislocation of business ranged over a wide and varied field. What this new trouble may cost anyone can guess, for the engineering and shipbuilding trades produce two-fifths of the entire exports of the country. If these whirling factories wheels come to a standstill and those foundry fires die, then starvation will stare in the face of many a family in Britain. The more sensible and responsible factors of the Labour Government themselves have said so.

The trading balance is already tilted so heavily against us that any fall in our industrial output would mean real disaster. And this time, perhaps, uncontrollable disaster. It would no longer be a question of Sir Stafford Cripps imposing his hand but deliberate (and necessary) austerities upon us.

The foreigners who send us food, raw cotton, iron ore would simply close our account with them. No payment, no goods, no employment and hunger would then make a mockery of all our fine plans for social security, casting us back into a jungle war for sheer survival. It sounds incredible. But the war is on, and it is not the least of our troubles that the world is not a better place than it was in 1914. Indeed, he has been fighting and howling there for six months—since February 1945, when the conference of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions at Newcastle-on-Tyne formally approved the new wage-claims of their members.

The Engineers

That was two days after the Government White Paper on Personal Incomes, Profits, and Prices had been issued. This document set it out as official Government policy that there should be no general increase in wages, because this would simply result in still higher prices. The White Paper made exemptions in special cases.

Seizing on this the Confederation recommended that the shipbuilders should get an extra 15s. per week and the engineers 7s. per week.

This would bring the minimum weekly rate for skilled shipbuilders up to £5 19s.; for skilled engineers up to £5 15s.; for all unskilled workers in both industries up to a flat £5.

The basis for these claims has been stated by Mr. Jack Tanner, the able and ardent president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

Said Mrs. Tanner: Engineers' wages have already been left far behind in the race to keep up with the rising cost of living. the resources of the War Memorial Fund are dispensed. The proceedings of the Committee whose difficult task it is to make decisions, "To grant or what to grant?" are naturally confidential as between the Committee and the applicant. Nevertheless, Hong Kong being what it is, information leaks out and gossip begins. Whether the facts are entirely accurate or not, there is much talk going on, of childless widows able to afford the luxury of a car, drawing big pensions from the War Office, who are in receipt of monthly allowances from the War Memorial Fund, of persons who are substantial owners of property credited with receiving grants, and of people not quite so highly placed in the social scale who feel that they have received poor treatment. The suggestion is that there are many, at least too many, people who have certainly not been subjected to any sort of means test, and whose circumstances are such that a call upon charity is inexcusable. We make no direct accusation. We merely repeat what is becoming fairly common talk. If it is inaccurate, then it is time the corrective was applied.

He quotes statistics to show that man with a wife and three children need a net income of £8 10s. to keep healthy. He argues that engineers, who serve a five-year apprenticeship, are unfavourably placed compared with other craftsmen, and that the wage increases he asks are, in fact, justified under the provision for "special cases" in the White Paper.

The Employers

What do the employers say? They claim that actual earnings are already well above existing minimum rates. They quote the following averages: Skilled men, £5 15s. to £6 25s. 6d.; labourers, £5 15s. 6d.

To concede new rates, says Sir Alexander Ramsay, the equally capable employers' spokesman, would amount to "a slight, even frightening figure." This figure has been reckoned at £100,000,000 per annum added to the national wage-bill.

By FRANK OWEN

The country simply cannot afford it, says Sir Alexander, for the increases would in due course be passed on to the whole range of export trades, and the consequent rise in prices would simply shut our goods out of the export markets.

To this argument Mr. Tanner briefly retorts: "No need to pass on the extra costs to any customer. Let them come out of profits. No industry has prospered more over the last ten years than engineering."

The Communists. Backing this opinion are the Communists, more powerful in the Confederation than in any other trade-union group in Britain. They quote a 25 per cent. rise in the profits of 163 engineering companies during the last three years.

This is the daily drum-note of the Daily Worker, and it is having its effect.

BARKLEY AS TRUMAN'S RUNNING MATE?

Philadelphia, July 13.

A Harry Truman-Alton Barkley ticket for the 1948 political wars received the President's approval today and a flood of support at the Democratic National Convention.

It looked certain that delegates would make it official on Wednesday or Thursday by handing the Presidential nomination to Truman and the Vice-Presidential nomination to Barkley.

Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, who had been opposing Truman, gave up his two-day-old boom for the Presidential nomination.

He said Democrats are watching the break-up of their party. And Senator Joseph C. McMahoney of Wyoming pulled to one side in the Vice-Presidential race and came over to the Barkley bandwagon.

The civil rights fight continued and a showdown was at hand. The proposed draft of the civil rights plank of the party's platform was too strong for the south and too weak for the liberals.

Senator Pepper, assailing Truman and the civil rights programme, said: "The present leadership of the Democratic party has proved incapable of holding the party together."

"Because of bungling and ineptitude," Pepper said, "Southerners are about to form another party."

The Democratic Party Chairman, Mr. Howard McGrath, told a news conference that if the Convention saw fit to pick Senator Barkley as the party's Vice-Presidential candidate in the 1948 elections, President Truman would be "most happy" to have him.

The Democratic Party's nominees will be opposed in the November elections by the Republican Party Presidential candidate, Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, and the Vice-Presidential candidate, Governor Earl Warren of California.

Mr. McGrath said he thought Senator Barkley was the leading candidate for the Democratic Vice-Presidential nomination, but added that President Truman would accept any candidate the Convention nominated.—Associated Press and Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"And these pictures were taken in 1940 while the family was south for the winter!"

AIRLINERS OF THE FUTURE

By MICHAEL GRANT

Here are details of some new types of United Kingdom aircraft. First there is the Saunders Roe flying-boat, three of which are already in production. Each is driven by 10 propeller-turbine engines.

The prototypes of two Brabazon land planes are under construction. The first is driven by Centaurus engines and will make its first flight during the year. The other is powered by eight propeller-turbines. A 35-foot scale model showing a possible internal layout was recently made. The rear cabin contains 22 seats facing a cinema screen. When the cabin is not being used as a cinema the space for the screen is filled by a movable globe, on which passengers may see a picture of the world's position. The centre cabin, which is on the upper deck, contains 30 seats and passengers go "upstairs" to bedrooms above the cabins.

The de Havilland 108 is in process of development. Powered by four pure-jet engines, it is expected to weigh about 100,000 pounds and to have a top speed of over 700 miles an hour. A Bristol 11 aircraft embodying modifications found desirable during development has returned from a trial flight to Britain's tropical testing station at Khar town. During her test flight the aircraft handled well.

The Alpengast Ambassador airliner which British European Airways have adopted can take the loadings involved in any all-up weight below 52,500 pounds. In 40-passenger pressurized form this version will have a range of 1,095 miles with a payload of 8,000 pounds including fuel reserve for a 12 miles an hour headwind. The aircraft will be powered by Centaurus 663 engines.

Control Unit

The force required to control the new giant airliners in course of development or in prototype stage is well beyond that of human muscles. A new powered, aircraft-control unit in which parts have to be manufactured to an accuracy of one ten-thousandth of an inch has been developed for the huge Bristol Brabazon airliner by the Lockheed Hydraulic Company, of Leamington Spa, England, in conjunction with the Bristol Aeroplane Company. This control system is capable of giving more than 30 horse-power to bank the wings of the 330-ton airliner. Special precautions have been taken against any possibility of failure, and parts have been duplicated. If one or more parts should go out of action, the system as a whole will continue to function. Even if a part should turn, an ingenious design makes sure that it cannot hold up the operation of the control. One control unit will be fitted in each wing and each unit will be powered by four hydraulic pumps driven by the aircraft's main engines. These pumps will be so arranged that even if one of the aircraft's engines should fail, other pumps will continue to provide sufficient power.

High Altitude Flight

Flying at heights of between 20,000 and 40,000 feet, and at an average speed of 375 miles an hour, a Mosquito aircraft operated by British European Airways has flown from London to Lisbon in three hours on a flight investigating conditions in high altitude flying. These observation flights between London and Lisbon will be carried out once a week for 10 months, and similar flights will be made from Britain to other European airports.

In view of the great part high altitude flying will play in Bri-

tain's future aviation, the de Havilland Aircraft Company has installed at its works at Hatfield, Hertfordshire, England, an equipment for research into the three main problems connected with high altitude flights—the control of pressure, temperature and humidity in aircraft. The new equipment, already in use, is capable of producing a pressure similar to that existing at an altitude of 70,000 feet, with an internal temperature range controllable between 40 degrees and minus 70 degrees Centigrade. The chamber is evacuated by an electrically driven vacuum pump through motorized control valves worked remotely. To maintain the chamber, air is drawn from outside through a filter. When refrigeration is needed, air is passed through a small mechanically refrigerated cooler to extract the surplus moisture and prevent ice forming in the chamber. For the simulation of tropical conditions, the fans circulate the chamber air through a steam heater.

Communication between the controller and observers inside the chamber is by a special air-craft-type intercommunication system. Observers inside the chamber are provided with oxygen, electrically heated clothing and a warning system of emergency switches which operate a red light in the main control panel. The chamber for testing fuels is a steel cylinder 7 feet long by 6 feet 6 inches in diameter, and is provided with windows and instruments. Comprehensive tests have been taken against fire have been taken by the fuel test bay. It is surrounded by fireproof walls and a carbon-dioxide fire extinguisher system, with both automatic and manual operation, covers the whole area.

New Cargo Aircraft

The 1948 version of the Bristol Type 170 has been granted a certificate of airworthiness at an all-up weight of 45,000 pounds, an increase of 2,500 pounds on the prototype. The wing span of the aircraft has been increased from 98 feet to 108 feet and a new type cowling, known as the free-exit cowling, introduced to the engine to increase rate of climb through more thrust horse-power. The exhaust system of the engine has also been redesigned. The new Type 170 can be supplied for carrying either freight or from 35 to 38 passengers. It can also be arranged for carrying both freight and passengers in which case a bulkhead divides the hold from the passenger cabin. The bulkhead can be fixed or movable. The aircraft is fitted with doors in the nose. Of the maximum all-up weight the payload and fuel represents 13,770 pounds. The range depends on the proportion of payload to fuel. With a payload of 7,225 pounds the aircraft can fly 1,430 miles. When the payload is increased to 12,000 pounds range is reduced to 380 miles. Maximum speed is 224 miles an hour and service ceiling 24,350 feet. The time taken to reach an altitude of 10,000 feet is 11 minutes.

MARSHALL AID FOR TRIESTE

Paris, July 13.

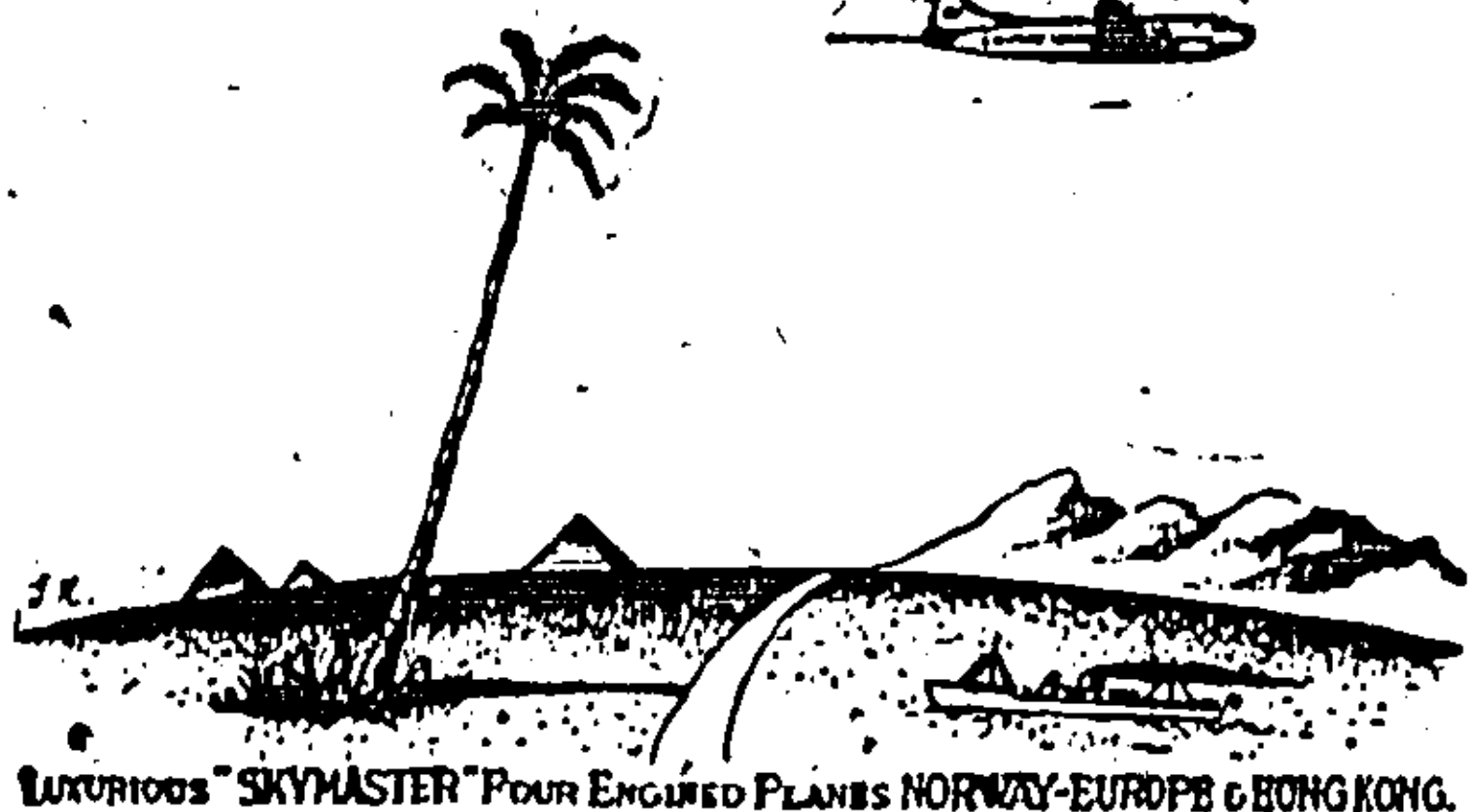
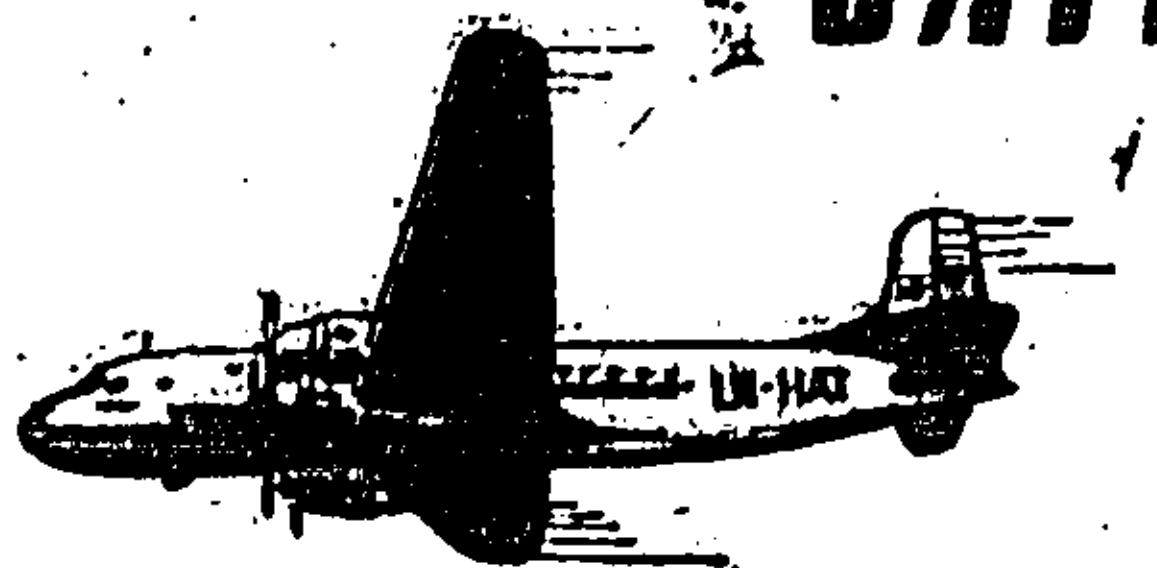
The Free Territory of Trieste today joined the 16 European nations and the two "Zones" of Western Germany which will receive Marshall aid.

The decision to admit Trieste was taken at a meeting of the Council of the Marshall Plan nations, which had been sitting in Paris since July 8.—Reuter.

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United States Call To Security Council

Lake Success, July 13.

The United States today formally demanded that the Security Council of the United Nations order an immediate cease fire in Palestine. The proposal provides for use of UN force if the Arabs or Jews fail to comply.

US deputy delegate Philip C. Jessup asked for a speedy vote and the Council plunged into debate. Approval of the measure was considered unlikely before Wednesday, however. The cease fire would take effect within three days and would remain in effect until the situation in the Holy Land could be peacefully adjusted.

It was the strongest proposal ever laid before the Council. Enforcement would come through invoking diplomatic and economic sanctions or an international army.

The American resolution, understood to have the general support of the British, also calls for an unconditional cease fire in Jerusalem within 48 hours.

"This is not the time for flowery speeches but for action," Jessup said. "Fighting is now going on in Palestine. It must stop."

The American resolution called on the Jews and Arabs alike to halt hostilities but Jessup noted in his speech that the war was resumed only after the Arabs rejected a Council appeal to extend the truce. Jessup introduced the proposal after Count Folke Bernadotte, making a dramatic personal appearance before the Council, appealed for an order to stop the war.

"The United Nations must not allow the Palestine problem to be worked out on the field of battle," the Swedish Count said before a Council chamber jammed with spectators.

Plan Challenged

Count Bernadotte toyed with his microphone as he addressed the Council personally for the first time since he took over the job of trying to mediate Jewish-Arab differences. He remained calm even when subjected to a sharp cross examination from Russia's Andrei A. Gromyko over his powers.

Gromyko and Council President Dmitri Z. Manuilsky of the Soviet Union challenged Count Bernadotte's peace suggestions, including his plans to alter the partition boundaries and suggestions for a plebiscite. Manuilsky said during a rapid exchange that both were in direct violation of the UN Assembly's decision to partition Palestine.

Meanwhile Arab Legion artillery today frustrated a Jewish attempt to get 20 lorries with weapons and supplies for Jerusalem through Bau El Wad, on the main lifeline west of the Holy City, according to reports reaching Amman.

Arab artillery shelled the road from commanding heights nearby. Units of the Syrian Army, joining in the battle for Jerusalem, threw in their weight by attacking the southern districts of the city.

Bethlehem Shelled

A report from Tel Aviv said that scores of dead as well as guns and equipment were left on the field when Egyptian forces retreated before Israeli attacks on Negba, on July 10, in the Palestine southern sector.

Exact details were not available. The spokesman said the enemy had shelled Jewish settlements west of Tulkarem and added that Arab counter-attacks on the heights near Ein Karim, west of Jerusalem, had been held. Bethlehem was shelled by Israeli gunners last night in a counter-action to Arab bombardment of the Jewish settlement of Ramat Ramel, on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

An Exchange Telegraph report from Tel-Aviv said today that the city was bombed "heavily" at 11:20 (Tel-Aviv time) and widespread damage was caused. The report said that rocket-firing from coastal and ships' guns fired on the air raiders.

The report added that today's air-raid was the heaviest yet and that eight bombs fell in one area where casualties and heavy damage were reported.

Haifa, July 13. Haifa experienced its first air raid when a twin-engine Arab Dakota type bomber and a fighter flew over the city and dropped two bombs. Anti-aircraft guns went into immediate action and drove off the raiders.

No details of damage are available yet.—Associated Press, Reuters and United Press.

ARABS CRITICAL OF THE WEST

London, July 13.

The Arab Office in London today criticised the "Western powers" for trying to force a policy on the Arab states in Palestine.

In a public statement, the Arab Office said: "The Arab people today see themselves being blackmailed by a campaign of tremendous diplomatic pressure from the West, whose object is to coerce them into accepting a Jewish State in Palestine."

"They see Britain taking the leading part in this campaign and using every kind of sanction and short of military force to compel their acquiescence."

"It seems to the Arabs that by laying down the mandate and withdrawing her troops from Palestine, Britain was merely diverting itself of direct responsibility so as to participate in enforcing it indirectly."

"The Arabs feel that the next and final result of Britain's entire policy and every action she has taken in the last few years has been to put them in a position in which they must either submit or be compelled to do so by international action in which she will take part."

"If the attempt to force the Arab Governments to accept a Jewish State in Palestine were to succeed, the result would be not the ending of a problem and the establishment of tranquillity in the Middle East but a disastrous and widespread explosion throughout the region and the collapse of the present set-up in the Arab countries which, despite certain appearances, is fundamentally favourable to the West, and which, if it passed away, would be succeeded by new forces and new policies from which the Western world have nothing agreeable to expect."—Reuters.

CORDON AROUND UNIVERSITIES

Peiping, July 14.

Police cordons remained for the second day around four universities here and screened all persons entering or leaving.

High police officers said the cordons were intended to protect the students from possible violence by anti-Communist Vanguard "citizens" groups.

The students themselves scoffed at this explanation and claimed the anti-Communist Vanguard is an officially sponsored body whose main purpose was to stage demonstrations at the behest of the authorities.

Meanwhile, feeling prevailed here that despite the sound and fury which followed the shoot-up of students on July 13, a mutual face-saving compromise would eventually be reached.

Now neither side appears to be in agreement on a single point. The students claim that 14 of their number died as a result of the shoot-up.

Mayor Liu Yi-chang, at the first meeting with foreign correspondents, placed the dead at eight—three killed on the spot and five succumbing to their injuries in hospital.

Other figures given by the mayor were two soldiers killed, 14 policemen wounded, one of whom is still in hospital, two military police wounded and soldiers wounded "by bullets."—Associated Press.

Astrodome Tragedy

San Diego, Calif., July 13.

The navigator of an Army B-29 Superfort from El Paso, Texas, fell 28,000 feet to his death today when the astrodome of the giant plane "blew out," the 11th Naval District Headquarters here reported.

The navigator's body fell into a field south of here.—Associated Press.

GENERAL ON VISIT TO US

London, July 13.

The War Secretary, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, told the House of Commons today that Maj-Gen C.H.H. Gillingham, Director of Signals at the War Office, was visiting the United States to get first-hand knowledge of organization, operations and procedure of the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

Demanded Communist William Gallacher: "Isn't it strange that a Socialist Government should be sending so many of its military representatives over to America to get instructions from the most ruthless capitalist government?" Mr. Shinwell did not reply.—United Press.

CAUGHT RAIDING LARDER

Shanghai, July 14.

Twenty-year-old Miss Yang Mei, who gained nationwide fame with the claim that she has not eaten during the past nine years, has finally been caught raiding a larder.

A bribe press report from Chungking, where she is subject to close medical observation, said that Miss Yang complained of a toothache on Tuesday. When a dentist examined her teeth he found bits of food.

The despatch did not mention whether the girl will be thrown out of Mayor Yang Sen's residence and returned to her country home in a small village on the outskirts of China's wartime capital.

Miss Yang startled the Chinese medical world with the claim that she lost all desire for food since she ate a bulbous plant on the mountainside while herding hogs. Placed under an examination, the doctors found her otherwise normal although seemingly not eating anything except drinking a few glasses of water. The Chungking Mayor organized a special committee for a closer examination and the first "circumstantial evidence" that she took food was surreptitiously found on Tuesday in a dental examination.—United Press.

JUDGE WAS EMBEZZLER

Newark, N.J., July 13.

A 38-year-old Newark Police Court judge, P. James Fellicchia, admitted today embezzling US\$300,000 from a bank of which he is Vice-President and losing it all in horse race bets. The judge last year was named the nation's best dressed jurist. Bank examiners said Fellicchia had embezzled huge sums over a period of years by covering shortages with fictitious mortgages.—Associated Press.

Richest Man In Gaol

Manila, July 14.

Fred M. Harden, one of Manila's richest Americans and most prominent businessmen, today asked the Supreme Court to let him out of gaol.

He has been imprisoned at the National Penitentiary since May on a contempt of court charge issued by Judge Emilio Pena.

Judge Pena held that Harden failed to comply with a court order that he return to the Philippines US\$500,000 which Harden allegedly took to Hong Kong. The action arose out of Harden's civil suit against his wife, Esperanza de Harden, over ownership of a large block of Balatoc Mining Company stock.

Harden is one of the original incorporators of Balatoc. Harden's attorney, Senator Vicente J. Francisco, former member of the United Nations Palestine Commission, said Harden's indefinite imprisonment is unconstitutional.—Associated Press.

MR. POLLITT ACCUSES

London, July 13.

The British Communist Party tonight accused the Labour Government of continuing imperialist dictatorship over its African colonies.

The statement said the Party's Executive Committee had unanimously adopted a resolution condemning British stewardship in Africa. The resolution said: "The most elementary democratic rights—equal right to vote for representatives in the legislature and control by the legislature of the executive—are denied to tens of millions of Africans."—United Press.

SHE WAS A GOOD REPUBLICAN

Glendale, Calif., July 13.

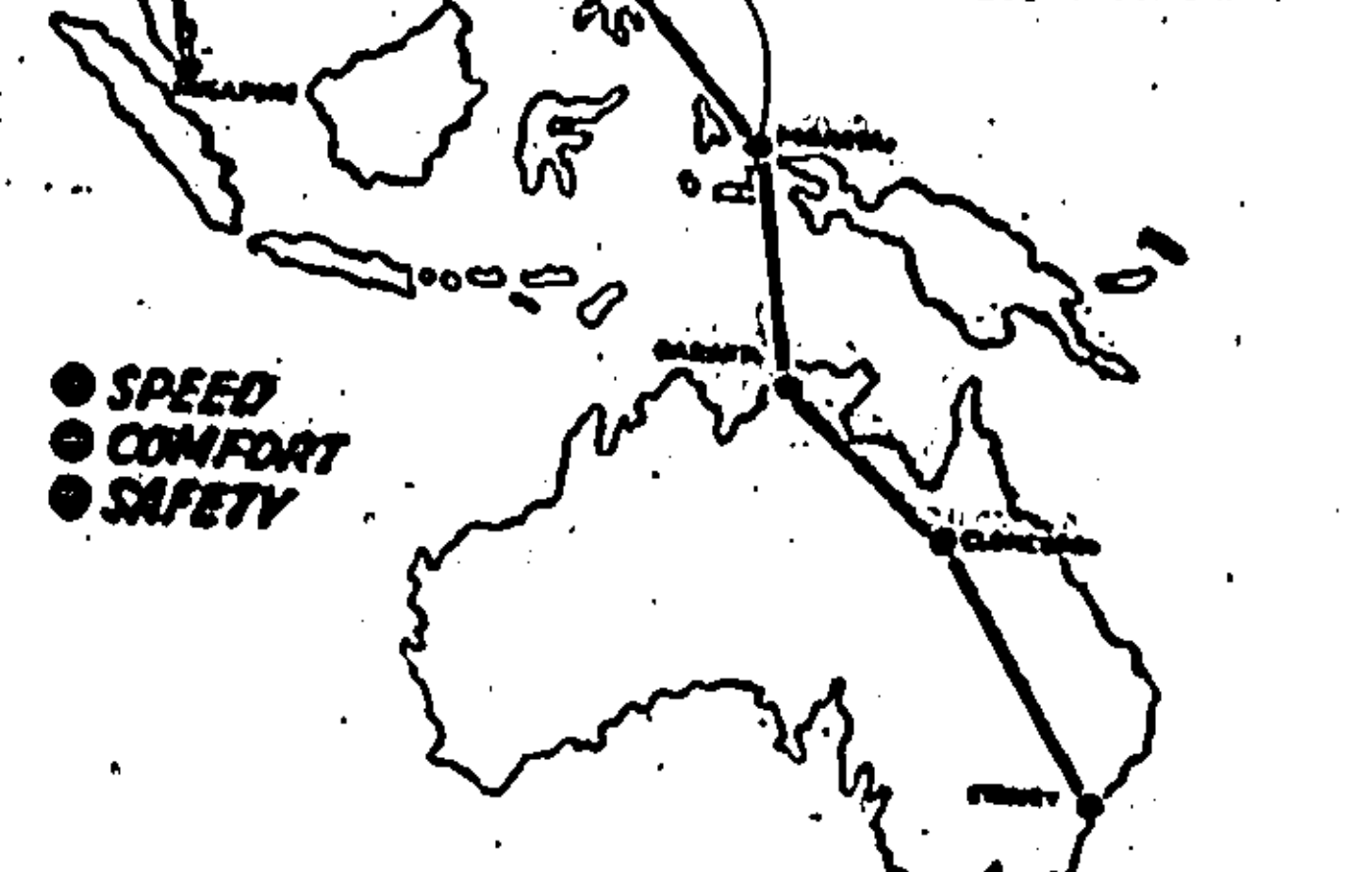
Albin Nelson, 42, Democrat, was listening to his Party's convention on the radio when a garden hose was thrust through a window and Nelson and his household belongings were thoroughly doused.

Nelson told the police that his neighbor, Miss A. C. Mason, 64, war widow, told him that she would say only, "I am a Republican." The Police advised Nelson to file a complaint if he was doused again.—United Press.

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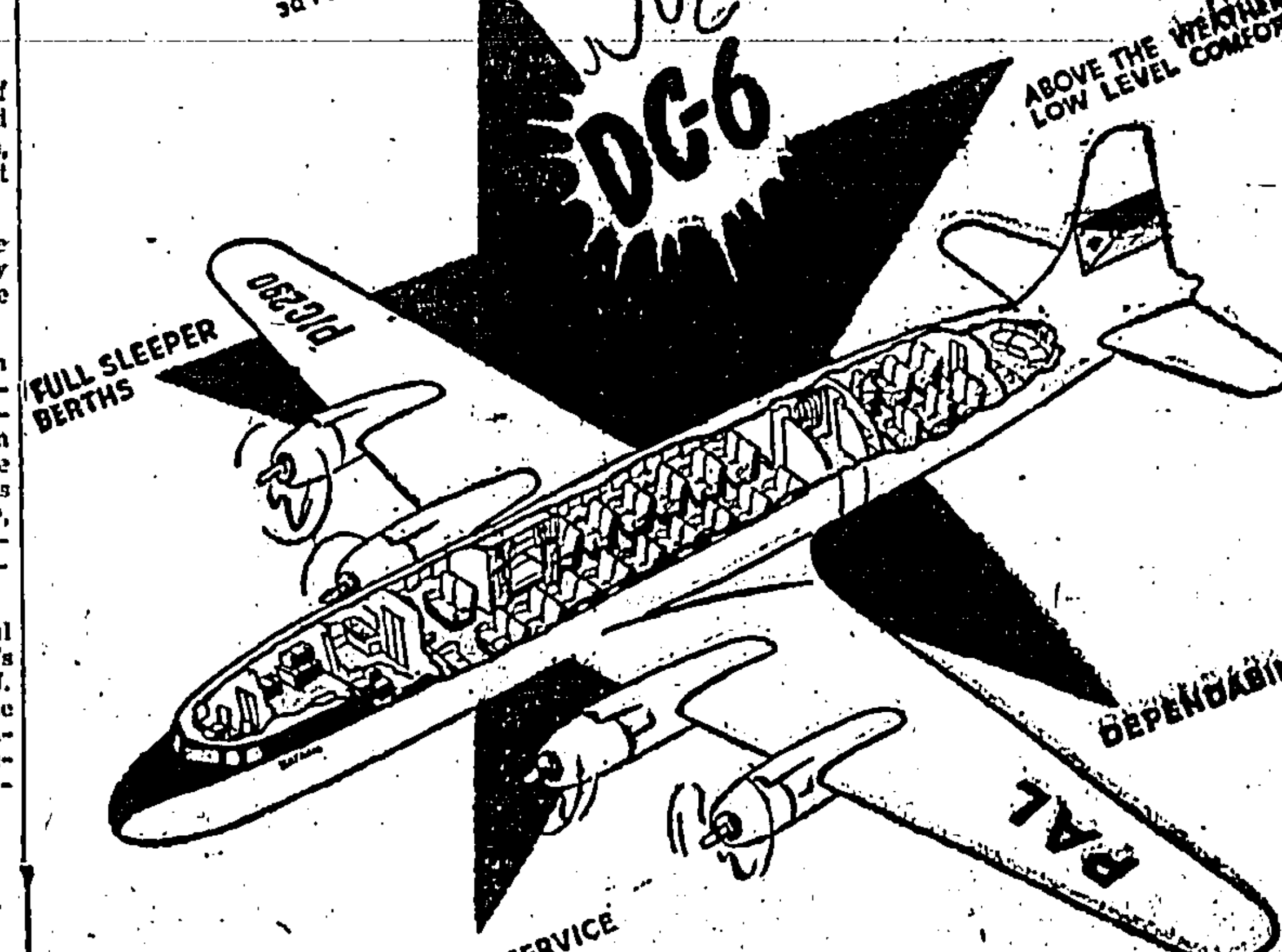
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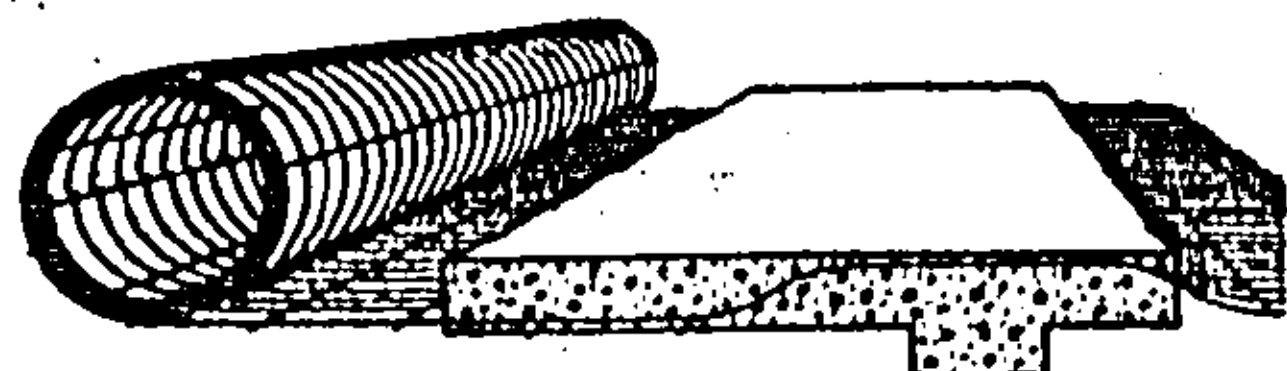
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The New House Of Commons

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Scarcity of qualified stonemasons is holding up constructional work on the new House of Commons. Twice the number of craftsmen are needed as are at present employed on the job, to deal with the 116,000 cubic feet of Portland stone that are being quarried for the new building.

For the internal panelling and joinery 30,000 cubic feet of English oak is being used, the timber being obtained from trees grown within a radius of about 50 miles of Newport, in Shropshire. The oak is now being worked by wood carvers in London. In this craft, too, there is a shortage of trained men, though there seem to be more wood-carvers available than stonemasons.

The oak will be bleached a grey colour. The House of Commons table will be made from Canadian oak, and the Dominions are also sending other wood furniture, including the Speaker's chair and the clerks' chairs.

The main contract for the superstructure of the new building was let last April to Messrs. John Mowlem & Co. Ltd., of London, and is due for completion in April, 1950. The structural steelwork is now in place, about 30 percent of the work on the reinforced concrete floors (including the casing of steel stanchions and beams in concrete) has been done, and some internal walls are built. All the main contracts are let and the principal materials ordered. At the moment 110 men are working on the site and the largest number that will be employed there at any time will be 350.

Old and New

From the architectural point of view the object has been to blend the new work with the old and preserve a certain unity, but at the same time break away to some extent in the ornamental detail of the interior.

The new Chamber will be almost a replica of the old, except for the galleries of the north and south ends, which will be enlarged. Two new floors below the Chamber will provide rooms for individual Ministers and also secretarial, interviewing, and conference rooms. For the first time there will be offices over the Chamber.

While work on the site and the preparation of the stone and joinery work is going on, the fabrication of ducts, building of motors, fans, compressors, and so forth, are proceeding in many special works and factories in various parts of England and Scotland. The whole of the construction under the old House of Commons was occupied by the vast ventral-space, 26 ft. deep. Modern methods make it possible to get all the ducts and machinery for ventilating the new building into 6 ft. of depth under the Chamber, leaving 20 ft. to spare for the two new floors, and an-

other space immediately above the Chamber that will also be used for lighting.

Elaborate Model

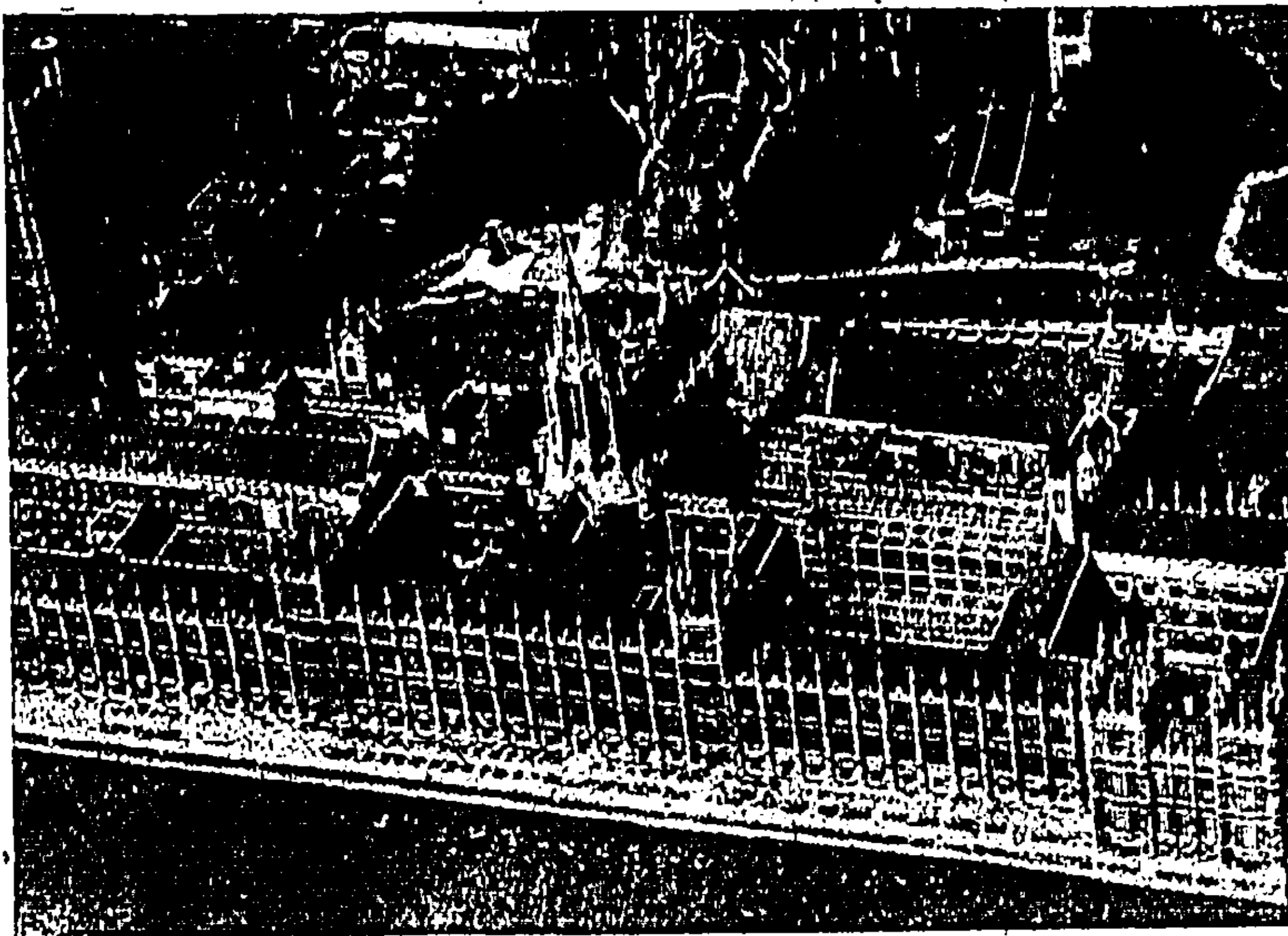
The ventilation and heating arrangements have been in the hands of Dr. Oscar Faber. An elaborate model of the new House, one-quarter full size, was made to his designs by the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington, and was there tested with smoke and electrical instruments to determine the strength and direction of air currents. After minor modifications a full-scale

series, and the direction of the currents will be variable at will. More air for the occupants of the galleries will be introduced round the perimeter of the roof, and all the air will be extracted near the centre of the roof. In place of the former cotton-wool filters for the air there will be electrostatic filters.

The main problem is that of cooling, since the amount of heat needed to warm the Chamber will be almost negligible. Tubes containing brine from refrigerating machines, situated under one of the courtyards for quietness will

the Government contract for the supply of the whole of the metal windows for the above, including the whole of Glass, Leaded Glazing, together with the fixing and glazing at site.

The value of the contract is approximately £35,000 of which the Windows amount to £24,000. There are approximately 1,200 windows of which roughly two-thirds are opening, the remainder being fixed lights. The opening lights are vertically pivoted and centre-hung with specially designed controlling locks for controlling opening, mainly for cleaning purposes, the building being air-conditioned. The whole of the windows both open and fixed are in Manganese Bronze speciality toned.



VIEW OF THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER FROM THE AIR. The steelwork of the new House of Commons is seen to the right of the photograph.

model of one bay of the Chamber, 28 ft. long was built at Earl's Court for further experiments. This model has also similarly been used for preliminary illumination tests, which will be extended to the new Chamber itself when it is built.

The movement of air in the old House of Commons was vertical, put in the new House it will be horizontal. Air will be introduced through slots under the gal-

lery, the air; hot-water tubes will warm it. Should it be necessary, the air can also be humidified in very dry weather. From a small control room just below the level of the Chamber a control engineer will watch the interior through a periscope, thus keeping informed of any material change in the numbers in the House so that he can adjust the ventilation.

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Numerous Windows have shaped, mostly Tudor heads, with Bronze Tee Glazing Bars for ordinary glazing with Bronze Glazing Fillets.

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Women Make Their Mark Battery Radio Telephone

The annual conference of Britain's Women's Engineering Society will be held in Nottingham, in October. Founded in 1919, this society numbers among its members many women who went into the engineering industry for the first time in World War II as well as those with longer industrial associations. Here are details concerning some of the women who have made their mark in this profession, until recently the exclusive preserve of men.

Mrs. Maxwell-Channell opened and directed a factory during World War II which carried out contract work for the United Kingdom Government. She has now converted her factory to peacetime production and is making electric irons and other things used in the home. Another woman engineer, Miss Cook, runs a factory near London where small components are made. She began as a junior draughtsman in World War II and after four years was given complete charge as apprentice supervisor. Later promoted supervisor of her department, she soon doubled production.

The president of the society is Dr. Frances Howwood, works chemist to the Monotype (printing) Corporation. Another member, Miss Verena Holmes, invented a poppet valve gear used in diesel engines. Miss Dix, an electrical engineer with her own business, carried out the installation of the new lighting plant of Winchester Cathedral, England, while Mrs. Douglas has managed her own shipyard at Southampton.

A new type of battery-operated radio telephone has been designed by the Post Office Research Station, London.

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Exhibition Of Model Engineering

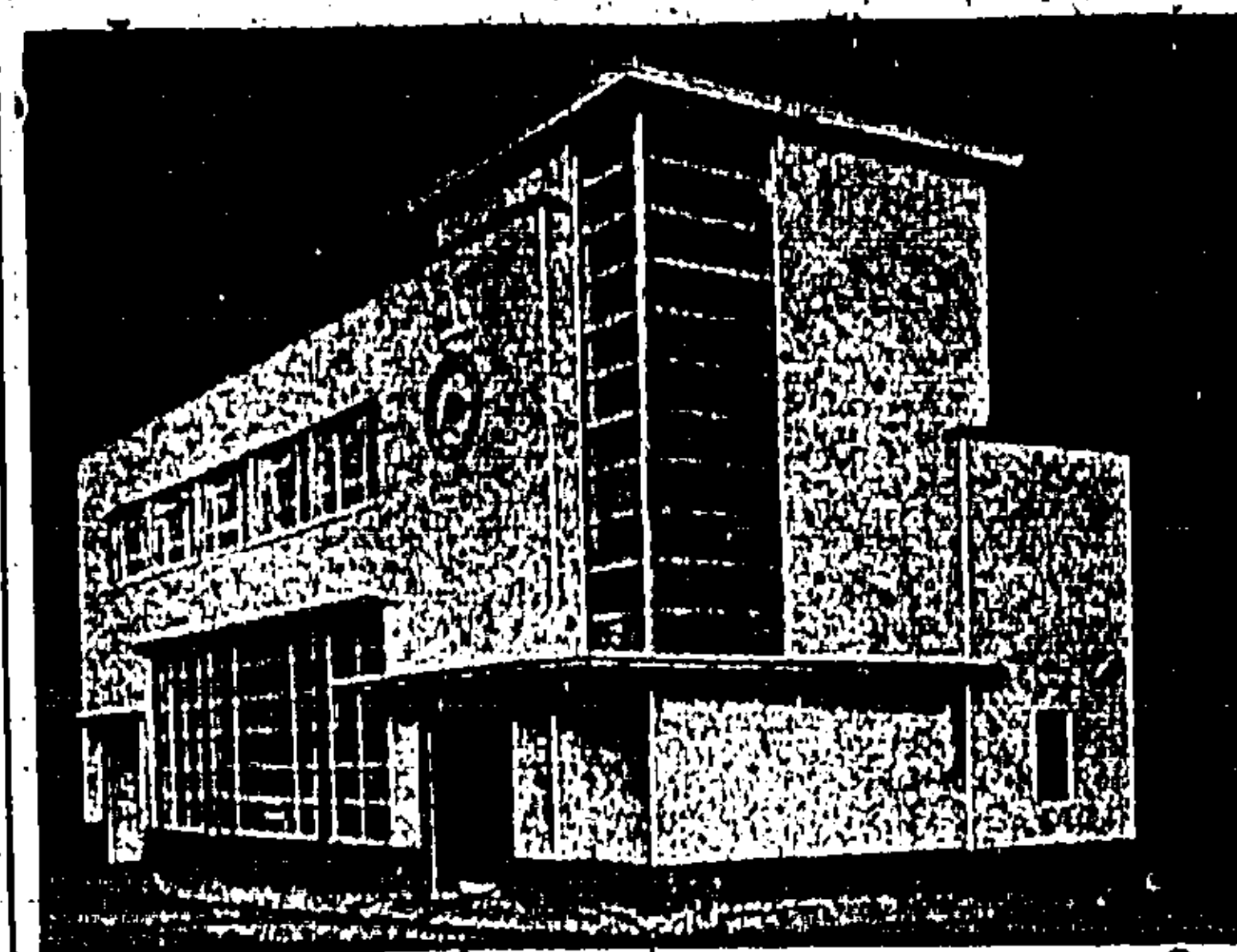
The Model Engineer Exhibition to be held at the New Royal Horticultural Hall, London, from August 18 to 28 is divided into two sections. The first will show the latest developments in engineering, marine and aviation models, tools and workshop equipment, technical educational appliances and scientific apparatus. Many trade exhibitors will have working displays demonstrating new processes for the workshop enthusiast.

The other section comprises the Club and amateur display of craftsmanship. There is keen competition among the various Model Clubs throughout Britain to be represented in this section of the exhibition and in this year's show the following Model Clubs will all display and demonstrate their own particular type of models: the Society of Model and Experimental Engineers; the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers; the Ship Models Society and the Radio Controlled Models Society.

In addition to the exhibits referred to above there will be an international section with models loaned from many overseas countries, and a British section of competition models, open only to amateurs, for various cups, medals and diplomas. Many visitors from overseas, both trade buyers and amateur enthusiasts, are expected to visit the exhibition.



One of the architectural wonders of Britain has just been opened to the public. It is the remarkable underground "concourse" at the new Gants Hill Station on the Central Line, London. It is a lofty, domed hall 40 feet beneath the ground, sited between the up and down platforms of the station and has been built to enable the heavy flow of passengers to spread out freely and avoid bunching. It is 180 feet long and 20 feet high, is illuminated by strip-lighting, and observers have described its appearance as cathedral-like.



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TERRORISTS EXPECTED TO STRIKE IN SINGAPORE

GOVERNOR GIVEN WIDE POWERS

Singapore, July 13.

The Legislative Council today gave Sir Franklin Gimson, the Governor, sweeping powers to cope with any spread of the Communist revolt in the Federation of Malaya to this Crown Colony.

The Council acted swiftly in response to a request from the Governor. The police swung into action and arrested 25 persons in new raids.

Unconfirmed reports said the Communists might attempt terrorist killings in the Crown Colony similar to those taking place in Malaya. Local news-men said "word was passing around" that such attacks were imminent.

There was no official confirmation, but some sources believed that Sir Franklin's request for extended powers were linked with these reports.

A planeload of 20 European women and children refugees arrived safely in Singapore from the isolated tin mine area in Pahang state, scene of disorders.

More Terrorism

Launches were patrolling the Singapore coast to prevent terrorist landings from the mainland today.

After the daring and successful Communist attack on the country's only coal mine at Batu Arang, troops failed to trace the raiding party. Today, there was much public criticism of the fact that the mine was not guarded by the armed forces.

Cases of terrorism reported today included: Johore—14 armed Chinese yesterday killed a Chinese farmer at Sungai Siput.

Mersing—Endau—Telephones were cut and attempted arson reported.

Pahang—Ten Chinese terrorists shot dead a Chinese contractor on the Semantan Estate in the Mentakal area last night. The European manager and his wife were absent at the time.

Shots were heard from other estates in the vicinity during the night but no incidents were reported.

Kedah—Musked parties raided and looted houses at Tasek in the Kroh area on Sunday night and raped a Chinese woman.

Pernak and Selangor—Parties of armed Chinese were sighted and sporadic gunfire was heard.

"Humiliating"

The Straits Times, in a leading article, today said that, with a few more setbacks like Batu Arang, British prestige in Malaya was going to be "right where the Communist rebels want it."

Deploping the absence of a military guard at Malaya's only coal mine, the Straits Times described yesterday's events as "disgraceful and humiliating."

"The recent developments have in no way affected the wish of the Government to maintain the closest friendly relations with Burma in all fields and it sincerely hopes that the reported intention of the Foreign Minister (U Tin Tut) to resign his position on July 20 will not affect these relations."

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Police today arrested Lew Wah-chong, wartime insurgent commander in Perak State, in a coffee shop near Seremban, 40 miles south of Kuala Lumpur.

He was the leader of the Mpaia, most of whose members were Chinese Communists during the Japanese occupation. They went underground when the wave of anti-Communist arrests began in the Federation of Malaya.

Camp Burned

The Governor General, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, today toured parts of North Borneo and discussed with planters, security officers and soldiers the current outbreak of violence in Malaya.

He was accompanied by Menteri Besar, Prime Minister of Johore, and other native officials.

A police and military party discovered and burned a bandit camp eight miles southeast of Kuala Lumpur. When the security force arrived, the camp was empty. —Associated Press, Reuter and United Press.

No Link Between Malaya And Burma

London, July 13.

The British Government had no evidence of any immediate connection between the Communist activities in Burma and the situation in Malaya, Lord Listowel, Minister of State for the Colonies, said today.

Asked by Lord Howe, Conservative, in the House of Lords whether he had any statement to make on the present state of affairs in Burma and whether it had any bearing on the Malayan situation, Lord Listowel replied: "The Government's attitude towards events in Burma remains as described by Lord Henderson in the House of Lords on June 22."

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Soviet Note Rejected

The Hague, July 13. The Dutch Government has rejected a Soviet note accusing the Dutch Labour party, Het Vrije Volk, of warmongering in an article on April 13.

The Dutch reply was understood to have declared that the article contained only hypotheses and theoretical considerations of what might happen in the case of a war. A passage in the article, to which the Russians had objected, was headed "Russian Strategy and the Reply to it." —Reuter.

Acquittal For Cannibalism Charge Denied

Yokohama, July 14. The War Crimes Commission today denied the defence motion for acquittal of five Japanese directly charged with cannibalism in connection with the death by medical murder of eight American airmen at Kyushu Imperial University in the spring of 1945.

The five men—two dental technicians and three Japanese Army officers—were among 29 men and one woman on trial for the murder of B-29 fliers by fantastic medical experiments in the University hospital.

The cannibalism charge against the dentist specified they ate the liver of one American flier at a "banquet" at the hospital mess. —United Press.

American Bomber Detained

Washington, July 13. Both the State and Justice departments are actively interested in the case of the B-17 American bomber detained at Halifax, Nova Scotia, the State Department press officer, Lincoln White, said today.

He told a press conference that the Department has responsibility for granting or denying export licenses for "arms, ammunition and implements of war" and noted that President Truman has classified B-17's as falling within this licensing system.

White said the Justice Department was concerned because it would have to handle any law violation which might be involved.

The nine American occupants of the plane insist they were merely on a navigation training flight at an airport near White Plains, New York, when bad weather forced a landing at Halifax on Monday.

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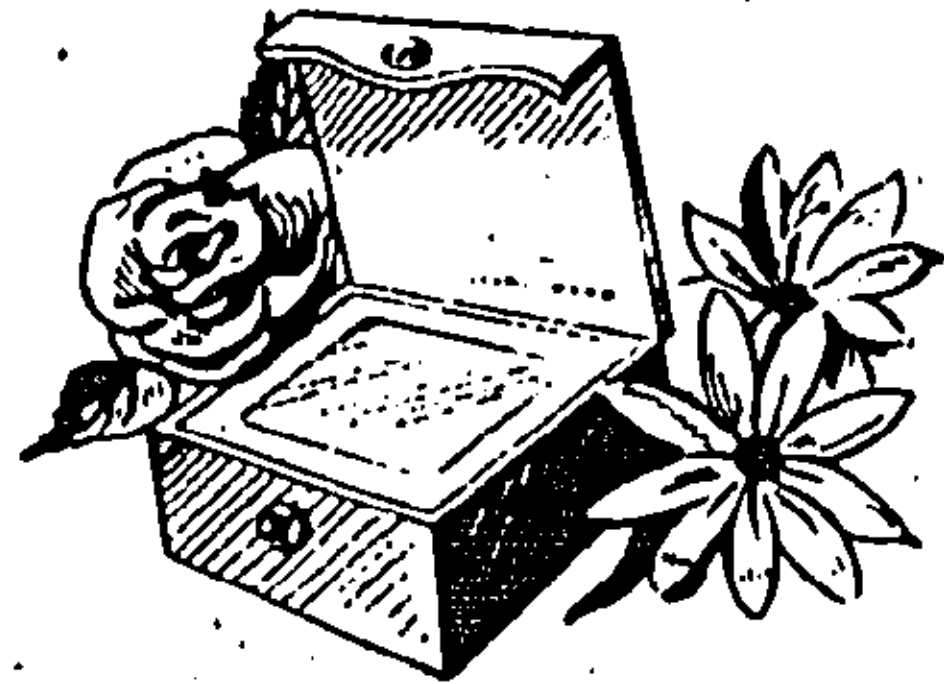
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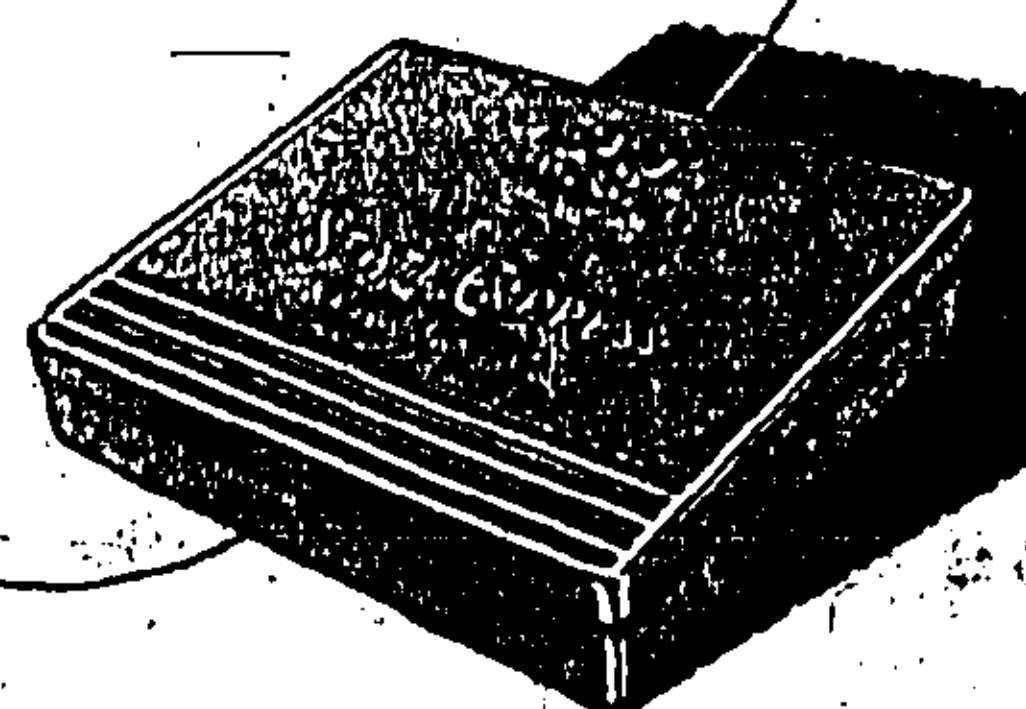
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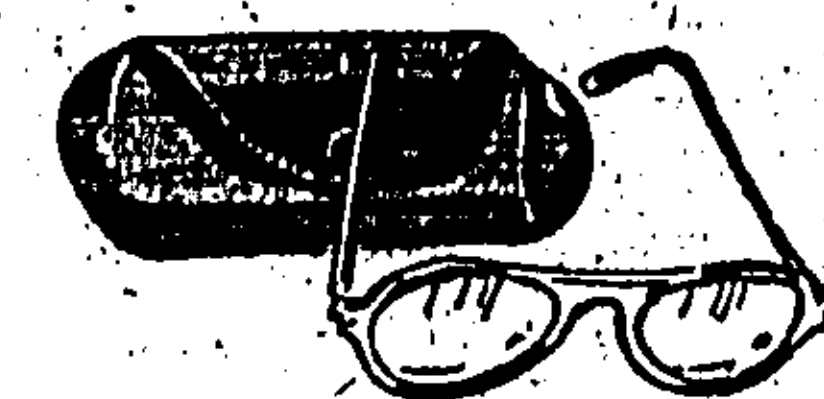
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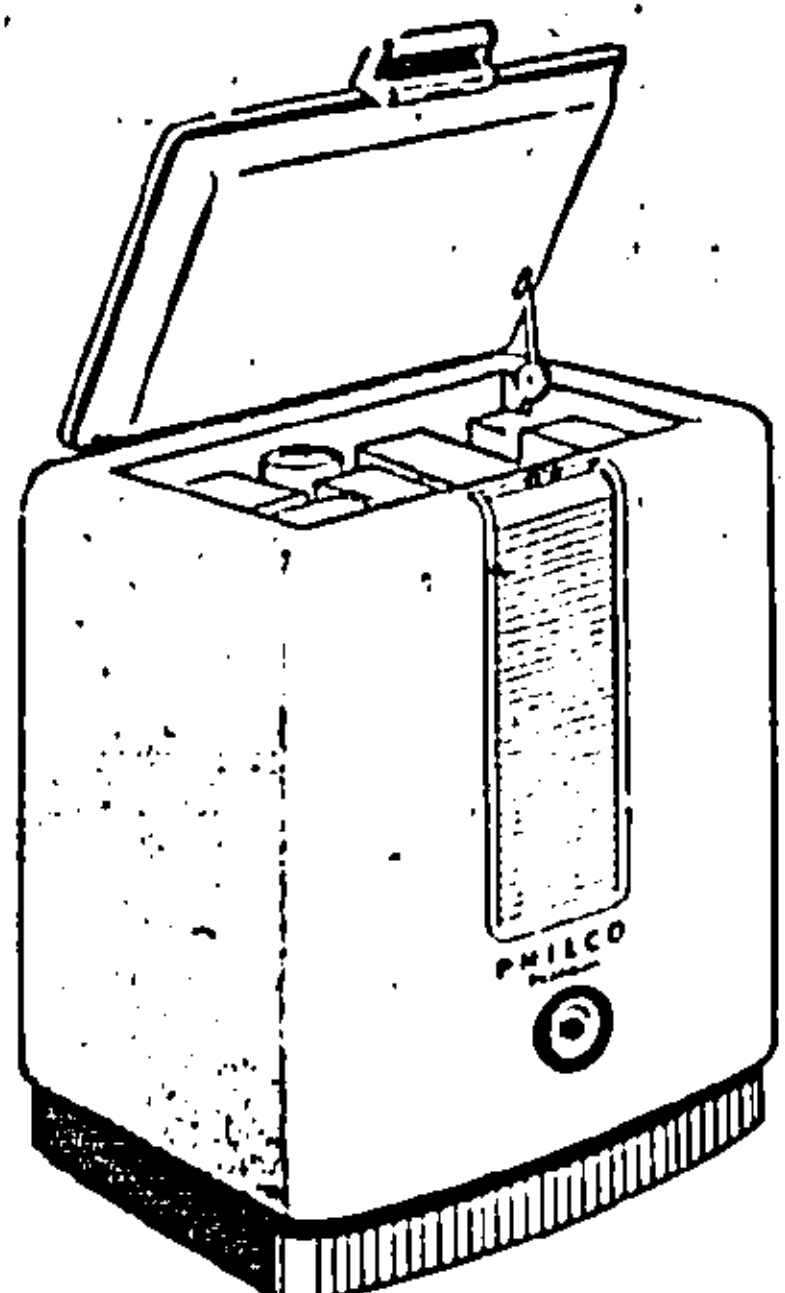
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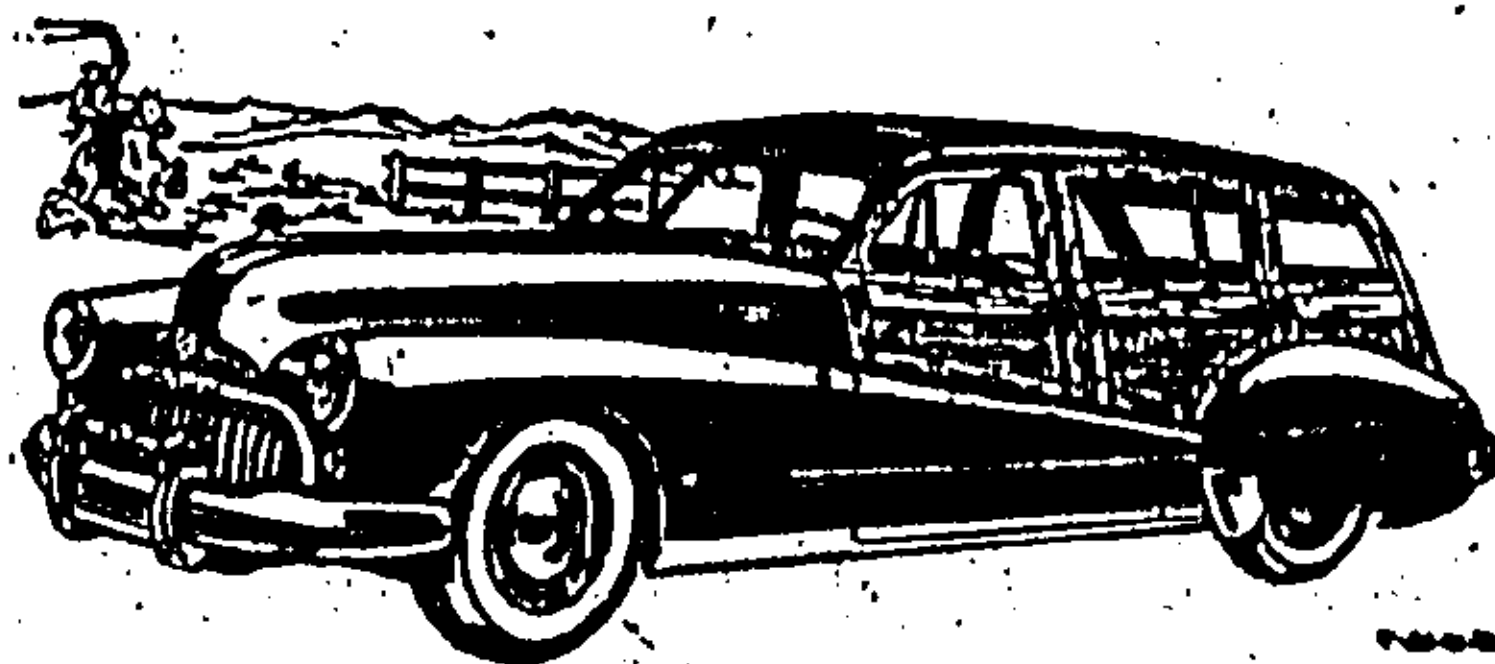
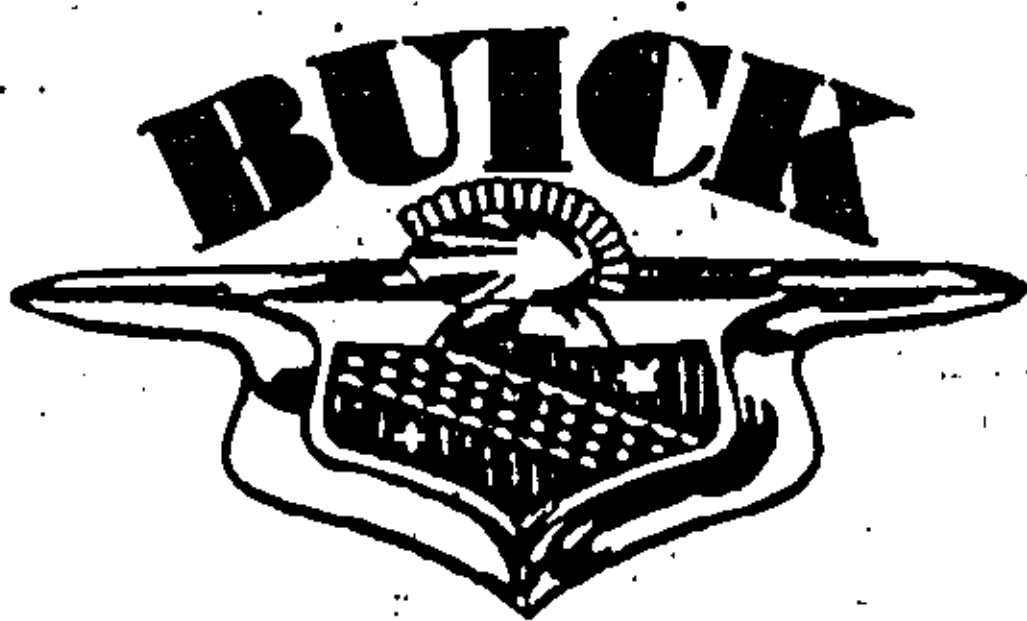
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NATIONALITY BILL PASSED BY COMMONS IN ORIGINAL FORM CONCEPTIONS OF CITIZENSHIP

London, July 13.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley, has authorised the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, to say that he agrees with the British Government's Nationality Bill as originally drafted—without the House of Lords' amendments on citizenship—and that the Australian bill will be precisely on the same lines.

Mr. Chuter Ede disclosed this when asking the House of Commons today to restore the bill to its original form before it was altered in the House of Lords.

The main purpose of the bill is to provide a new method of giving effect to the principle that the people of each self-governing country within the British Commonwealth have both a particular status as citizens of their own country and a common status as members of the wider association of peoples comprising the Commonwealth.

For the people of the United Kingdom and the colonies, there is to be established according to the Government's wishes, a common citizenship.

The House of Lords rejected the word "citizen" for its "Republican flavour" and because citizenship, they said, essentially meant the common enjoyment of civil rights and the common acceptance of civic responsibilities. They therefore altered the word "citizen" to "British subject."

Mr. Chuter Ede said that the alterations by the House of Lords had slurred the conception of citizenship and rendered its provisions incomprehensible.

Colonial Subjects

"Citizenship" was the appropriate term because Parliament at Westminster could legislate only for the United Kingdom and the colonies. Britain could not impose a law about nationality on any other member of the Commonwealth.

Each of them was a distinct sovereign state for this purpose.

The bill did not alter in the slightest the position of the various subjects of the King in the colonies. If they so desired, they could go on calling themselves British subjects. "It is not the Government's intention to abandon our metropolitan tradition" (referring to the Statute of Westminster), Mr. Chuter Ede said.

"Whether we like it or not, we have said that each of the self-governing Dominions is equal with us in status inside this great Commonwealth of Nations. We must expect, as our fellow nations grow up in stature and experience and as fresh nations come into the self-governing position, that they will expect that the work of our laws shall, in fact, coincide with the principles enunciated in the Statute of Westminster."

Prescriptive Right

There were people inside the Commonwealth to whom the words "British subject" did not have quite the connotation they had in Britain. Therefore it was necessary to make arrangements by which they could describe themselves by a term which they preferred.

To do that—it was necessary that the people for whom Parliament in London legislated should accept inside the Commonwealth the position of citizenship of a particular unit of the Commonwealth.

It had been decided that the appropriate term was "citizen of the United Kingdom and the colonies."

"The real effect of the amendment made in the House of Lords was that the people of the United Kingdom and the colonies entered the family of British nationality by prescriptive right, rather than by the door of citizenship of one of the Dominions."

"We cannot have equality of all the nations in the Commonwealth if we adhere to that view. We suggest that the people of this country and of the colonies should be citizens of the United Kingdom and the colonies and through that gateway should enter into British subjecthood or Commonwealth citizenship, whatever term they prefer."

One Pride

Mr. Kenneth Pickthorne, Conservative, said if the South African Government disenfranchised any class, say Indians, and declared them not to be citizens, did they not become, under this bill, citizens of the United Kingdom and the colonies?

"I think they do," he said. "I cannot think that was contemplated. We give the Dominions power, by legislation, to put a class of citizens into our citizenship. That seems to be the result of an excessive pursuit of equality of status."

Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, former Conservative Attorney-General, said everyone in Britain had one pride in being British in the ordinary sense. His second pride was in being one of the family of the Commonwealth and Empire, whose solidarity was expressed in the allegiance to the Crown.

What he did not have, was a feeling which gave him special unity with the inhabitants of a colony and he excluded from that special unity his first cousin in a Dominion with whom he might well have played in his grandfather's house.

Up to now, the operative nationality has been British. Now it could be a colonial citizenship.

Eire Citizens

Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney-General, said: "We must be prepared to accept the conclusions of the Commonwealth as a whole, come by their Governments and Prime Ministers, rather than pursue an independent and isolated course."

The Government's amendment restoring the original wording of the clause on citizenship was carried by 308 votes to 111.

The House of Commons also deleted by 307 votes to 105 a clause inserted by the House of Lords which would have maintained the present status of Eire citizens as British subjects.

The original Government clause was tonight restored, making it possible for Eire citizens who under the existing United Kingdom law, are British subjects, to retain their British nationality without forfeiting their status and position as citizens of Eire.—Reuter.

Mutiny In US Ship "Under Control"

Washington, July 13.

United States Naval Headquarters here received a signal from London tonight stating "everything is under control" on board the American steamer, the William Carson, whose captain was reported yesterday to have issued an SOS message stating that his crew was mutinous.

The report came from the American steamer, Hampton Roads (14,138 tons) which had been standing by the William Carson since her captain reported trouble on board.

The reassuring report had been relayed from the United States aircraft carrier Coral Sea, which had therefore cancelled plans for an air reconnaissance, it was stated.

The United States Coast Guard had not, however, cancelled its instructions to the cutter Campbell to proceed at top speed from the English Channel to the William Carson's reported position off the coast of Spain. The cutter was not expected to reach the William Carson until 8.00 p.m. tomorrow.

It was earlier reported from Savannah, Georgia, that the Campbell was steaming at full speed to investigate. The Campbell is one of two ships of the Coast Guard cadet practice squadron which was engaged in training manoeuvres off the south coast of England. The United States Naval

ANGLICAN CHURCH CONTROL

Madras, July 13.

The Indian Express has editorially questioned the cosmopolitan nature of the Lambeth Conference of the Anglican Church from all over the world.

The paper observed that the "supreme governing authority of the Anglican Church is the British Parliament," adding that "Anglicans in India and China and all parts of the world have no control over the liturgy or government of the church since their membership does not give them votes for the House of Commons."

The paper further argued "The control of their church is not ultimately in the hands of even the Anglican hierarchy in England but of the British electorate who may be Catholics, Nonconformists or just indifferent."—Associated Press.

BRAKES FAILED

Longwy, July 13.

Two train men were killed and two others gravely injured today when the brakes of a 41-car freight train which was loaded with steel failed on a steep grade.—United Press.

Holiday Accident

Torquay, July 13.

A pleasure steamer sliced a motorboat full of holiday makers into two pieces today in a collision half a mile out in Brixham Bay.

Fourteen persons in the motorboat jumped into the choppy sea and were picked up by other vessels. Ambulances from all over Devon were called to the scene.

The steamer was the paddlewheeler Pride of Devon from Torquay. The motor boat was the Devonshire Lady from Brixham.—Associated Press.

DIVISION OF ECA FUNDS

London, July 13.

It was learned today that the 16 Marshall plan countries have reluctantly accepted the responsibility of making their own division of ECA funds. They had tried to make the United States assume the task of deciding how much each participant would receive.

The decision to do the job themselves was taken by members of the Council of the organization for European Economic Cooperation in Paris only after considerable pressure from the United States.

This is only one of the major difficulties the Marshall Plan is running into in its early stages. Others include: 1. Reluctance of the European countries to come forth with any projects qualifying for loans. 2. Failure of the Marshall Plan countries to build up an adequate secretariat with competent people to handle the Marshall Plan.—United Press.

BRITISH EXPORTS HIGHER

London, July 13.

Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, announced today that the provisional figure for the value of British exports in June was £134 million—over £4,000,000 above the May figure. Both months contained 23 working days.

"We have once again broken a post-war record with a daily rate of exports in June considerably ahead of the mid-1948 target and 140 per cent of the pre-war volume," he said.

While imports had fallen slightly and the adverse balance was the lowest since February, it was still running at a very high rate, and, with the high and still growing prices of essential imports, there was still no real narrowing of the gap in Britain's overseas balance of payments.—Reuter.

Kwangtung Sugar Factories

Canton, July 14.

South China is to be the chief beneficiary of American aid to China and as a consequence there is to be substantial industrial development here, it is reliably reported.

The Kwangtung Provincial Government is said to be planning the setting-up of three sugar factories, one sulphuric acid works and one wool-spinning factory, all of which will function under the Kwangtung Industrial Corporation.

At the same time it is intended to remove from Taiwan to Kwangtung sufficient equipment for the establishment of two sugar factories.—Reuter.

RARE MS GOES FOR £16,000

London, July 13.

Maggs, a London bookseller, today purchased a rare 14th Century manuscript—the psalter and prayer-book of Bonne of Luxembourg, Duchess of Normandy—upon a bid of £16,000 at Sotheby's.

Bonne was the daughter of Brion, King of Bohemia, who was killed in 1346 at Crecy.

Maggs also purchased a set of the first four folio editions of Shakespeare for £1,900. The sale, which lasted two days, was of books from the library of Baron Horace de Landau, a 16th Century collector.—United Press.

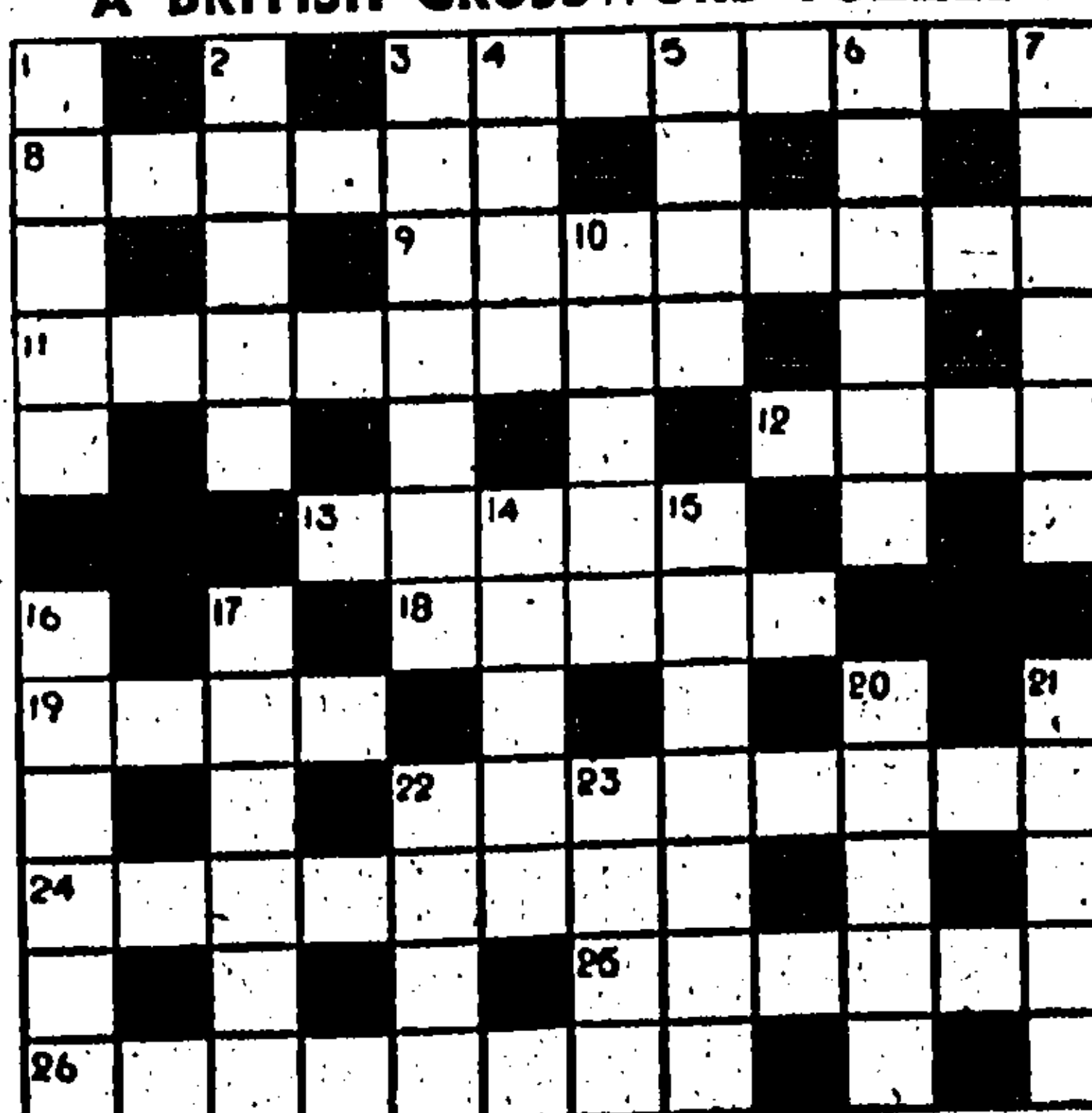
SHAH TO STAY AT PALACE

London, July 12.

Buckingham Palace announced today that the Shah of Persia would fly here on July 20 and had been invited to stay for two days at the Palace.

The Shah's visit will not be a State visit, but he expects to study conditions in Britain.—United Press.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



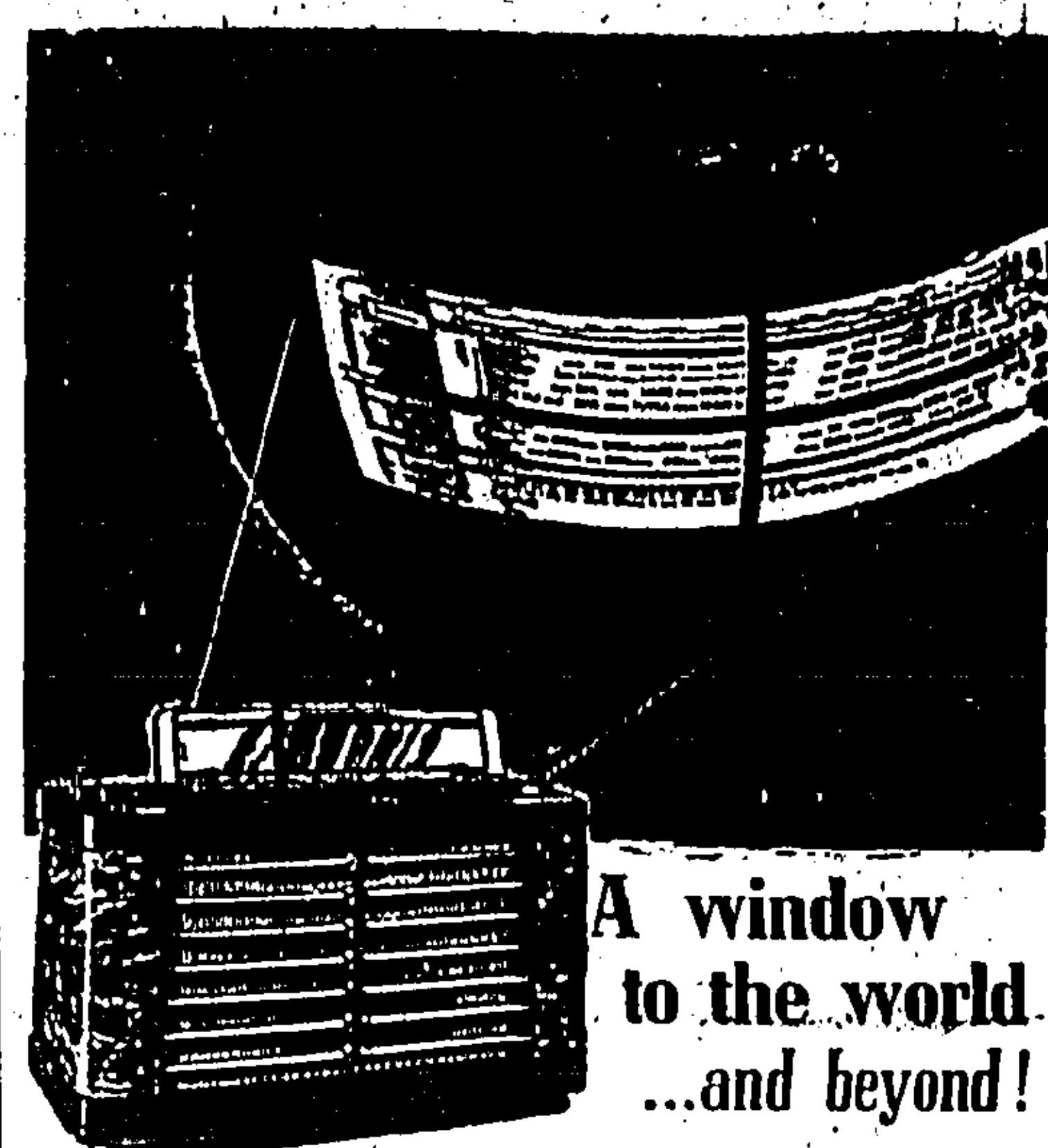
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- 22 Rustic.
- 24 Awakening call.
- 25 Decree.
- 26 Flog.

Clues Down

- 1 Ward off.
- 2 Spoken by an actor.
- 3 Patola.
- 4 Besides.
- 5 Leave out.
- 6 Inborn.
- 7 Concealing.
- 14 Regal.
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- 16 Bird.
- 17 Ingenious.
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"CAPITULATION" DEMANDED

Fantastic Request By Soviet Press

Berlin Siege To Be Long Affair

Berlin, July 13.

The Russians, through their official press, today demanded that Western Berlin "capitulate" as they again delayed answering the tri-power protest notes demanding the lifting of the blockade of Berlin.

The Soviet press remarked that the tri-power notes bore "no time limit—thus no ultimatum."

Therefore, Moscow could delay as long as it desired—with each day adding to the economic hardships of the 2,000,000 Germans the US and Britain are attempting to supply by air through the foulest July weather in German history.

At the same time, the Russians attempted to frighten Berliners into submission by fears of war. During the 24 hours up to 4 p.m. Berlin time, American Air Force planes from Wiesbaden and Frankfurt brought to Berlin 1,107 tons of supplies in 206 flights.

This was slightly under Monday's total ferried in better weather. It brought the American total in the great supply operation since June 25 to 12,253 flights.

Prolonged Siege?

While American and British airmen were making their lives to supply Berlin, the Communist press sought to scorn the operation which Berliners find so dramatic they stand for hours just watching the big planes come in and depart.

Russian controlled newspapers, besides trying to frighten Berliners with fears of war, also alleged that American soldiers were stealing some of the food which was being flown in. The Russian controlled news agency APN distributed this report, which was given front page display, that

American GI's were taking canned food being unloaded at Tempelhof.

The Communist press also threatened a prolonged siege of Western Berlin lasting into the winter if necessary.

U.S. Rebuff

The latest of numerous Russian complaints of American violations of the air corridors over the Russian zone, which link Berlin with Western Germany, tonight received a rebuff from the US authorities.

Major General George P. Hays wrote his Russian opposite number, Lieutenant General G. S. Lukanchenko, that the new charges, like those in the past, had proved "unfounded."

He related summarily Russian complaints that flights through the corridors were made without prior Soviet permission, pointing out that "our rights within the corridor are clearly defined" in four power agreements.

Other developments in the Berlin situation included:

1—Authoritative government sources in London said Britain is preparing to step up greatly the number of men and aircraft assigned to the air lift.

C-in-C Returns

2—Arthur Henderson, British Secretary of State for Air, said on an inspection trip that the British will open a second air base at Fassberg, in the British zone

Montgomery In Vienna

Vienna, July 13.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, had a long talk here today with Major General Terence G. Airey, Commandant of the British troops in Trieste, who came specially to Vienna to see him.

The Field Marshal will leave Vienna by tomorrow morning for London.—Reuter.

of Germany, to be devoted exclusively to the air lift.

3—The Americans kept working busy constructing an additional runway at Tempelhof, the US Army's Berlin air base.

Another British visitor was Secretary, who came with the British Commander in Germany, General Sir Brian Robertson. General Robertson has been in London. It was believed he returned with new instructions after conferences with the British Cabinet.

General Robertson and Mr. Eden were expected to confer quickly with the American commander, General Lucius D. Clay. The return to Berlin of Marshal Vassili Sokolovsky, the Soviet Military Governor has been postponed "for several days" because the terms of Russia's reply to the three-power protest on the Berlin blockade had not been finally settled. German political circles in close touch with the Soviet authorities said.—Associated Press and Reuter.

CEYLON IN WHO

Lake Success, July 14.

Ceylon has joined the World Health Organisation, and a Ceylonese delegation has been given official status at the World Health Assembly now meeting in Geneva. Ceylon is the 15th state which, though not a member of the United Nations, has joined the WHO.—Reuter.

SATIRE A LA ROUSSE

Berlin, July 13.

In a satirical article on the Berlin crisis today, the Soviet official newspaper, Taglichye Rundschau stated:

"In Greenland, the Eskimos are saving up their icicles to send them to help the starving Berliners, while the biggest gift is expected to arrive from India shortly. It consists of several shiploads of Bibles, which the British distributed there during the last famine to help the starving population."

"Reports that Frau Louise Schroeder, the acting Mayor of Berlin, is flying to Honolulu to represent the city at a world congress of flea circus owners are without foundation."

"The Red Indian chieftain, Lamb Blindworm, has telegraphed Dr. Suhr, Chairman of the City Assembly, offering the help of his tribe in Western Berlin's fight for freedom. Unfortunately, Lamb Blindworm stated in his message that only 10 of his braves can still swing tomahawks. The other 20,000 did not survive their liberation by the Americans."—Reuter.

"Pre-Fab" Boredom

London, July 14.

"Pre-fab boredom and frustration" is endangering the happiness of thousands of Londoners, George Mitchell said today at the London Council of Social Service.

The Council member urged that professional social workers be appointed to make life brighter for people who live in "large conglomerations of flats and prefabricated dwellings, where the tenants are concentrated and shut off from the main stream of life in the district."

He said clubs would oust "boredom and frustration."—United Press.

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THE THIRD TEST

BAD LUCK FOR ENGLAND IN FINISHING WITH DRAW

Manchester, July 13.

Helped by the weather in forcing a draw in the third Test, Australia, having won the first two of the best of five series, retained the Ashes which they won in 1934.

DRESSED FOR THE PART

London, July 14.
John Sherlock, American seaman of New York, stepped off the Trans-Atlantic plane at London airport today, wearing a white shirt, grey flannels and a straw hat.

"Where is the cricket match?" he said.

"I must see it. My friends in New York tell me these are the right clothes, so here I am."

The temperature was 55 degrees and it was pouring rain when Sherlock landed.

Sherlock, who intends to go on to Czechoslovakia, had only one small bag with a clean shirt for the 5,000-mile trip.

"I am a man, I don't need many clothes—all I want is to get to the first train to the cricket games."

Today's match between England and Australia in the Third Test was washed out—United Press.

WELSH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Newport, July 13.

Eighteen-year-old Helen Voutas of Athens, the Greek No. 3 women's player, today reached the second round of the Welsh Women's Lawn Tennis Championship at Newport.

She beat Miss A. G. Gwyn of Cardiff 6-1, 6-0. Her next opponent will be Miss A. Bates of Cardiff, a Welsh International.

"The Greek girl is an ex-Junior Tennis Champion of her country," Associated Press.

UNUSUAL CLAIM BY BRIDE

Edinburgh, July 13.

An unusual claim for expenses by an American bride who discovered that her marriage to a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve officer in this country was invalid was heard in an action decided by Lord Sorn in Edinburgh today.

Learner Drivers Summoned

Three learner drivers were summoned before Mr. W. H. Lalimer at Kowloon yesterday for breaches of their driver's licences.

Pang Kwai-fun of 30 Hing Man Street, was fined a total of \$60 for having no "L" plates, and no front lights on his private car, 1238 at Gloucester Road on the night of May 14. He was cautioned on the summons of carrying two passengers.

Ng Yuen of 183 Nan Cheong Street, ground floor, and J. L. Gomes of 37 Chung King Avenue, were fined \$50 each for having no "L" plates on their 5928 and private car 8994 in the afternoon on May 8.

Ng was cautioned on the additional summons of carrying four passengers on his W.P. Appa prosecuted in all three cases.

HONDURAS GOVERNOR RESIGNED

The Colonial Office has announced that Mr. E. G. Hawkesworth, K.C.M.G., M.C., has tendered his resignation on grounds of ill-health, to the Office of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Honduras.

His Majesty has accepted Mr. Hawkesworth's resignation.

Mr. Hawkesworth was appointed Governor of British Honduras in Jan. 1947. He was awarded the K.C.M.G. in 1948. New York Times.

ARP PAY

All former Depatch Riders ARP are requested to note that payment of arrears and back pay will be made at the Treasury Building, 2nd floor, on July 15, 1948, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the District Warden's office.

THE BIG SHOT



JAROSLAVA KOMARKOVA, of Czechoslovakia, puts out her tongue as she puts the shot during a four-nation athletic meeting at Prague recently. Jaroslava, who is her country's hope for the shot-put event at the Olympics, on this occasion set a new national record of 12.94 metres.—AP Photo.

PESSIMISM ON GATE MONEY FOR OLYMPIAD

London, July 13.

Tickets for the Olympic Games are not going as quickly as expected and there are fears that, with Britain experiencing the worst summer for many years, the Games will not prove the box office attraction that was at one time hoped.

But even if the gate money falls well short of the maximum obtainable, if every place, sitting and standing, were occupied for every event, which would amount to about £800,000, the Organising Committee are already assured of half this sum.

Whether this sum of £400,000, carried on round the clock on the conversion of the Empire Pool from an ice rink to a swimming bath which will hold 700,000 gallons of water.

During this week, three training colleges for housing the 220 women taking part in Games were declared open.

One of them, at Wimbledon, will eventually hold 180 competitors, and is now flying the flag of South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and the Argentine.

Girls from the United States and Canada will also be housed there. Competitors who took up residence there were all delighted with the accommodation.

There are common rooms, a chapel and a gymnasium, and the housework will be done, as in the men's camp, mainly by university students.

An intensive train service has been arranged for each week day from July 29 to August 14 between Marylebone and Wembley Stadium stations to take passengers to and from the events.

U.S. Cancellations
Cancellations direct from America total £75,000. It is reported here. The box office has also been notified that another £20,000 worth of tickets allotted to United States troops in Europe will not now be required.

On the other hand, it has been declared that no other country has notified a really big-scale cancellation, and some, indeed, have increased their original demand for tickets.

However, "one man's meat is another man's poison," and as a result of the reduced foreign demand for tickets, the British public has had a chance of securing places they would not otherwise have had.

The British allocation of tickets, which formerly was only 33-1/3 per cent, in accordance with Olympic rules, is now becoming about 60 per cent.

"Black marketeers" who may have bought up large blocks of tickets may find this to have been a most unprofitable business.

Getting Ready
Meanwhile, preparations for the staging of the Games are going on apace. Today the first 100 tons of 800 tons of building for the running track was laid on the previous morning at Wembley.

COUNTY CRICKET

WEATHER UNKIND, TWO GAMES ABANDONED

London, July 13.

The weather was unkind to County cricket in the series of matches which finished today. Throughout the three days rain interfered severely with play and thunderstorms caused the matches at Nottingham and Coventry to be abandoned without a decision being reached on the first innings in either case.

Of the remaining six games definite results were reached only at Portsmouth and Blackheath after some exciting cricket.

Hampshire defeated the Portsmouth Festival crowd by making the clock to gain a five wicket victory over Sussex. Given three hours to get 247 runs after Hugh Bartlett had declared for the second time, Hampshire lost two cheap wickets but they readily accepted the challenge.

John Arnold, who drove brilliantly, scored a quick 82 and when he was dismissed 49 runs were still required for victory in 35 minutes. G. Hill and W. Herriman never wavered and the latter made the winning hit with ten minutes to spare. It was a grand finish to a game which threatened earlier to peter out into an uninteresting draw.

Against the championship leaders, Glamorgan, but further rain caused the abandonment of the game.

Glamorgan still lead the table with 120 points, while Derbyshire and Middlesex come next each with 100 points, followed by Yorkshire with 98.

Results

At Northampton: Northampton-Glamorgan match abandoned. Glamorgan 144 (E. Davies 58, Frederick 5 for 25, Garlick 58 for 30).

At Nottingham: Nottingham-Sussex match abandoned. Nottingham 120 for one (Keston 65 not out).

At Coventry: Warwickshire-Somerset match abandoned. Warwickshire 56 for no wicket.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire draw with Lancashire. Gloucestershire 247 for 8 declared and 139 for 4 (Barnett 87); Lancashire 350 (Wharton 58).

At Blackheath: Surrey beat Kent by an innings and 22 runs. Kent 108 and 176; Surrey 97. Laker 6 for 60; Surrey 304 for 4 declared (Farker 60 not out).

At Kidderminster: Worcestershire drew with Derbyshire. Derbyshire 282 and 170 for 5 declared (Pope 51 not out); Worcestershire 180 and 271 for 5 (Jenkins 64, Outchoun 100 not out).

At Bradford: Yorkshire drew with Middlesex. Middlesex 219 and 112 for 4 (Robertson 54); Yorkshire 259 (Hutton 87, Halliday 69, Lester 66, Bedford 6 for 52).

At Portsmouth: Hampshire beat Sussex by five wickets. Sussex 386 for 7 declared and 120 for 2 declared; Hampshire 230 (Cornford 5 for 81) and 249 for 5 (Arnold 82).—Reuter.

Good bowling on a wet pitch earned Northamptonshire, the bottom club, a first innings lead.

Boxing Rulings

Stockton, Cal., July 14.

Two boxing rulings were ordered into effect today by the State Athletic Commission as a result of the fatal injury to Jose Berle, Filipino fighter, in a main event bout last Thursday night.

The rules:

The referee must stand between a knocked down fighter and his opponent for a full eight seconds before the fight can continue.

Promoters will be asked to voluntarily prescribe eight ounce gloves for their boxers. Eight ounce gloves become mandatory on July 23 by Commission ruling.

Meanwhile, referee Harry Aswood testified at a hearing that Berle's head did not hit the canvas, so death must have been the result of blows inflicted by Roy Kilo, Honolulu boxer. A medical examiner said Berle was in good shape before the fight.

Associated Press.

MCC Tour Cancelled

London, July 13.

The MCC. has cancelled its projected cricket tour of India in 1949/50.

The MCC. said today that the question of a reduction in MCC. tours abroad will be placed before the Imperial Cricket Conference due to meet in London on July 18.

The MCC. move is designed to halt criticism that English cricketers in recent years have played so much cricket abroad that they are not in shape to meet sides touring England.

Several of the players turned down an MCC. invitation to tour the West Indies last winter. They wanted to be fresh to meet the Australians on their current tour.

Associated Press.

Paris, July 13.

M. Pierre, French Minister of Information and wartime Press, broadcast today from London, was dropped by a falling ladder on the south coast of France, the French news agency reported today.

Associated Press.

Egyptians To Swim Channel

London, July 12.

Four Egyptians are among those who plan to attempt the Channel swim this year, the British Press Association said tonight.

Arriving at Dover today, they are to start training immediately and hope to make their bid early in August.

One of them, 39-year-old Fahmy Attallah, Director of the Press Section of the Egyptian Ministry of Supply, is the only one to have made previous attempts of the channel.

Last year he had been swimming for 21 and a half hours.

Of the others, two are N.C.O.s in the Egyptian Army and the fourth a customs officer. The soldiers are 27-year-old Marich Hassan Samad, who is six feet seven inches tall, and 41-year-old Hassan Abd el Rehim, who is six feet 14 inches. The other swimmer is Abd el Magid Mohamed.

A doctor and trainer have come from Egypt with them.—Associated Press.

TENNIS LEAGUE

In the Second Division of the Lawn Tennis League Crayke-gower beat South China by 6 sets to 3.

T. Lewis and K.C. Wong (S.C.A.A. "B")

beat D. Leonard and I. Souda 6-3

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